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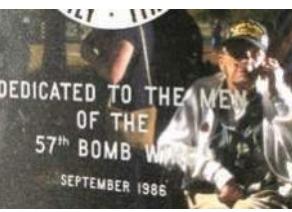
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Over 5,000 names inscribed on the Court of Honor at the American Memorial Park remember those who fought for our freedom and made the ultimate sacrifice. Their memory and that of local fallen soldiers, as well as the ongoing service of active duty members, were at the forefront of yesterday's Veterans Day ceremonies, with hundreds of community members, military officials, and politicians paying tribute on the eleventh month, eleventh day, and eleventh hour of the year.

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'Listen to the tales of veterans'

Gov. Eloy Inos and Rear Adm. Tilghman Payne place a wreath at the American Memorial Park yesterday in honor of Veterans Day.

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TO CONTROL 'BIRTH TOURISM' NMI taps DHS, Chinese govt, Asiana Airlines

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other U.S. state or territory.

Inos and Sablan said a closer scrutiny found that most of those who come to Saipan solely to give birth do so by boarding Asiana Airlines' scheduled commercial flights.

This is contrary to reports that birth tourists were brought here through charter flights, whose travel agents have long put in place strict procedures to deter birth tourism.

Asiana Airlines has agreed to be more vigilant in screening their passengers, Inos and Sablan said.

"It could be a liability, too [for Asiana Airlines]," the governor said.

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Help on the way for PH victims

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Humanitarian groups such as the American Red Cross-NMI Chapter, business groups such as Tan Holdings, and even organizations like the United Filipino Organization and the MDX Amateur Radio Group have initiated fund drives and other campaigns to help victims of Supertyphoon Yolanda (Haiyan) that battered the Philippines last weekend.

ARC-NMI Chapter executive director John Hirsh said the American Red Cross has sent two of its top disaster specialists from California to the Philippines to help with the relief efforts.

"I believe they're working with the Philippine Red Cross in Manila right

now. They're hoping to manage the massive logistics involved and trying to provide assistance to families in distress," he said.

Those wanting to help can also donate funds to the American Red Cross' local chapter.

"We're accepting monetary contributions. Those will be specifically earmarked for this typhoon event," Hirsh said.

The Red Cross also has a service called Restoring Family Links that can help Filipinos on Saipan find their loved ones in the areas struck by Yolanda.

"If you've got a loved one in the Philippines that you've been in regular contact with and now all of a sudden the contact is broken off, then you can

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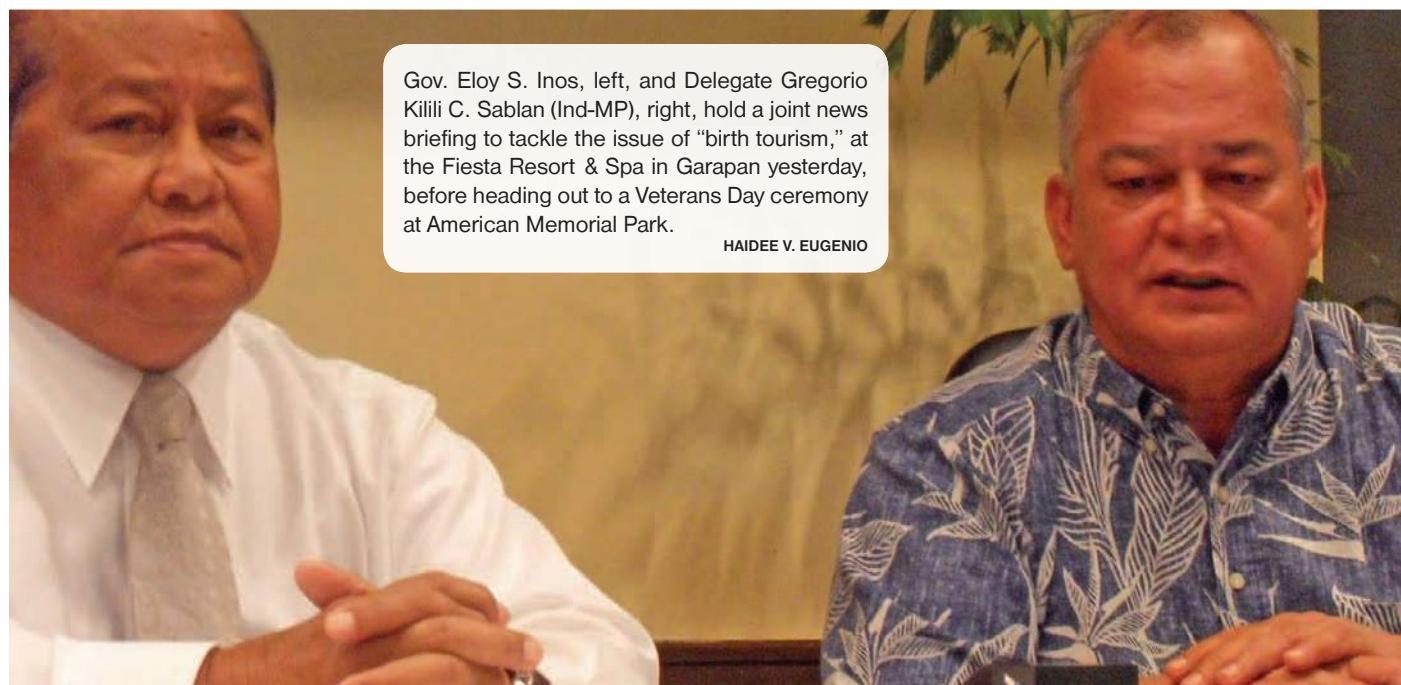
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Gov. Eloy S. Inos, left, and Delegate Gregorio Kilili C. Sablan (Ind-MP), right, hold a joint news briefing to tackle the issue of "birth tourism," at the Fiesta Resort & Spa in Garapan yesterday, before heading out to a Veterans Day ceremony at American Memorial Park.

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Inos said it would be to Asiana Airlines' benefit "to make sure that those things don't happen" because, among other things, the airline has to immediately bring back those passengers that were not allowed entry to the CNMI for improper or lack of required documentation.

"And so the airline would have to pick up that cost; you have to bump somebody off going back on that flight just to make sure [those turned away are sent back immediately]. So it's an incentive for them to do the right thing," Inos said.

But more still needs to be done, including for Asiana Airlines to identify, for example, certain independent travel agents that book flights for birth tourists.

"That's where we have to zero in. We're not too concerned about the chartered ones; we know they're controlled by just two travel agencies," the governor said.

He said despite strict policies in place, there could still be some that will slip through the cracks.

Inos said people can't be sent away "just because they're pregnant." He said they have to have proper documentation, among other things.

Their main concern is the health of these tourists coming in.

The governor and the delegate said the two travel agencies based in the CNMI have been chartering flights between Saipan and China—Century Tours/Tinian Dynasty and TDI—but they have been carefully screening their business partners in China to avoid activities

'Small' issue

It was the governor's and the delegate's first joint news briefing since Inos became governor in February.

At the briefing, Sablan and Inos repeatedly said birth tourism in the CNMI is "small" compared to what's happening in U.S. states, especially on West Coast.

Both officials, however, could not say how many Chinese "tourists"—as opposed to Chinese residents—gave birth to the CNMI in recent period.

They also could not say the number of individuals that the U.S. Customs and Border Protection has sent back to their country of origin for not meeting documentation requirements for certain pregnant tourists and their companions.

The key issue, according to Inos and Sablan, is that the CNMI is doing all it can to ensure that a "small" issue becomes "much, much smaller."

"I don't know if we can elim-

inate, but maybe minimize this thing. We haven't seen any major increase in this situation. In fact we're seeing less and less. But it only takes one incident to really blow this out of proportion but we're dealing with it," the governor said.

The governor also pointed out that the CNMI has never made any announcement nor intended to become a destination for birth tourism.

He added that when the CNMI was still in control of its borders, there was also strict review of visitors' entry permit to deter questionable activities.

Inos conceded that when the CNMI gained access to Chinese tourists without U.S. visas and the CNMI being the "closest U.S. border, the focus has shifted over to the CNMI."

But the governor pointed out that the U.S. Customs and Border Protection has done a "great job" securing the CNMI's borders.

The governor also said the recent incident wherein a pregnant Chinese broke her water bag at the airport "shouldn't happen here."

Sablan said the individual "should not have boarded the flight."

The United States is one of a few countries that observe *jus soli*, which grants automatic citizenship to children born within its territory, regardless of the parents' nationality or citizenship.

Risks to CNMI

Sablan said the CNMI wants to ensure the issue becomes too insignificant so as not to risk the U.S. visa waiver for CNMI-bound Chinese tourists.

DHS' decision to waive U.S. visa requirement for Chinese and Russian tourists has brought substantial tourism economic activities to the CNMI.

Once DHS decides to lift that waiver, the impact on the CNMI would be devastating.

"China [arrival] is huge for us here and we want to make sure it continues to grow. There may be ways that I don't think I'm at liberty to discuss. There may be ways to do this in an amicable manner and we're working with federal partners," Sablan said.

The delegate said the CNMI continues to welcome tourists from China to enjoy the CNMI's "beautiful islands," "great weather" and "gorgeous waters."

The governor, for his part, said the CNMI—particularly the Commonwealth Healthcare Corp.—is also liable if the issue is not controlled.

These include CHC accepting women to deliver babies without knowing whether they underwent prenatal checkup or their medical history.

Moreover, these tourists are not eligible for Medicare and

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Admiral Payne says concerns on Pagan considered

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Joint Region Marianas commander Rear Admiral Tilghman Payne said yesterday that local residents' concerns about the proposed use of Pagan for live-fire training are being taken into consideration, even as the CNMI House of Representatives is preparing a resolution

"opposing the militarization" of one of the most pristine islands in the Marianas.

The U.S. military plans to use Tinian and Pagan to meet its unit level and combined level training deficiencies in the Western Pacific.

This, as Guam training areas are already being used to capacity.

Many in the CNMI oppose

CPA chief: Freedom Air has to stay current with all its debts

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More than a month after Freedom Air filed for bankruptcy, the Commonwealth Ports Authority is still waiting for any development on the matter, which is now under the guidance of the bankruptcy court.

CPA executive director MaryAnn Lizama disclosed to *Saipan Tribune* yesterday that the agency's legal counsel, Robert Torres, is on top of the situation.

"The Commonwealth Ports Authority legal counsel...has been assigned to keep in communications with regards to the bankruptcy process and progress," she said.

Due to the bankruptcy filing, there is currently an automatic stay on all creditors of Freedom Air while they reorganize.

Freedom Air, which owes the ports authority some \$1.23 million in passenger facility charges and facility use, filed for Chapter 11 bankruptcy in Guam in late September, to allow the carrier to reorganize while it continues operation.

Lizama said yesterday that CPA, like all other creditors of the airline, will respect the process. She admitted that all amounts owed CPA is not being addressed to date.

"However, Freedom Air has to stay current with all its current debts, i.e., PFCs [passenger facility charges], land leases, etc. Until we hear from the courts or the assigned trustee, Freedom Air continues its op-

erations," according to Lizama.

Airports in the U.S. may impose PFC on enplaning passengers, to be used to fund Federal Aviation Administration-approved airport improvement projects. Once the FAA has approved a PFC, it requires airlines and travel agents to collect PFCs from their passengers. Air carriers may be subject to financial penalties for non-compliance.

Saipan Tribune learned that of the \$1.2 million total debt to CPA, Freedom Air is behind in PFC payment for Saipan amounting to \$273,500; Rota with \$148,392; and for Tinian \$202,275.

When asked if FAA has specific concerns pertaining to the situation of Freedom Air, the ports authority chief said: "Nothing specific from the FAA with regards to Freedom Air."

Lizama added that CPA won't know how long the stay will last until they hear from the court. To date, CPA has yet to receive any formal communication from Joaquin Flores, the owner of the Freedom Air.

In September, the CPA board decided to give Freedom Air a 90-day reprieve on its \$1.2 million debt with the agency—or until December—to settle all unpaid obligations. By virtue of the Chapter 11 Bankruptcy, this decision is now moot.

Freedom Air has 120 days to reorganize itself under Chapter 11. After four months, it is expected that the CPA board will come out with a new decision.

Husband allegedly hits wife with scissor

A woman was injured when her husband allegedly threw at her a big metal scissor used in cutting tin roof, hitting her forehead during their argument outside their residence in Papago last week.

The victim sustained a 7-cm laceration from the forehead to the right eyebrow and about 2-cm deep toward the skull. She underwent an X-ray at the Commonwealth Health Center, police said.

Gregorio Quitano Junior, 37, was arrested for assault with a dangerous weapon, assault, and disturbing the peace.

At his initial court appearance on Friday, Superior Court Asso-

the proposed use of Pagan, but not necessarily the use of Tinian, where two-thirds of its lands are already leased to the U.S. Department of Defense.

Tilghman, also the commander of the U.S. Naval Forces Marianas, said the military is getting as much input from the local population and the elected officials on the proposed use of Pagan.

"I'm open to any kind of meetings or discussions. I think communication is the only way to really move ahead and understand everybody's perspective whether it's the constituency, the elected lawmakers, the military. Everybody should have a say and we should be transparent in how

we discuss these things and the different factors that we consider as we move ahead," Tilghman said in an interview at the Veterans Day ceremony yesterday at American Memorial Park in Garapan.

He said CNMI lawmakers can certainly take "whatever position they need to take to represent their constituency."

"That would all be taken into consideration as we move ahead," Tilghman said, referring to a planned House resolution opposing the use of Pagan.

The CNMI has asked DoD to split into two distinct environmental impact statement the proposed Pagan and Tinian ranges "to prevent the down-

fall of one range because of the other."

The CNMI looks at developing Pagan as an eco-tourism destination. Pagan also has potential for pozzolan mining.

Shortly after the Veterans Day ceremony where Tilghman was the guest speaker, he met with Gov. Eloy S. Inos and Lt. Gov. Jude U. Hofschneider.

In a separate statement, the Joint Region Marianas public affairs office said Tilghman emphasized the importance of partnership between the U.S. military and the CNMI.

It said during the meeting, Payne, Inos and Hofschneider discussed the successful submerged lands law, the Pa-

cific Air Force Divert Runway initiative and military training opportunities in the Marianas being analyzed by the CNMI Joint Military Training Environmental Impact Statement.

All these initiatives are critical to the security and stability of the Pacific, it said.

"As the U.S. defense representative, I am committed to a continual and open dialogue with the CNMI government leaders and the people of the Marianas. Only through a cooperative and collaborative whole of government approach as one community can we sustain our national defense and ensure the prosperity of the CNMI for generations," Tilghman said in a statement.

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Inos on SDLLC lawsuit vs CUC: We will fight

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Gov. Eloy S. Inos said yesterday that he has yet to meet with Attorney General Joey Patrick San Nicolas on Saipan Development LLC's lawsuit against the Commonwealth Utilities Corp. over a botched \$190.8-million power purchase agreement but he believes that the CNMI is "on solid ground."

"Obviously, we will fight unless there's been a change in the legal analysis. We're on solid ground in our position," Inos told reporters in news briefing at Fiesta Resort & Spa yesterday morning, shortly before attending the Veterans Day ceremony at American Memorial Park.

Inos was referring to San Nicolas' legal opinion declaring that former AG Edward Buckingham was "mistaken" when the latter certified that the 25-year PPA with SDLLC was proper as to form and capacity.

San Nicolas, at the Veterans Day ceremony, declined an interview but said he will issue a statement on the SDLLC law-

suit later.

In his legal opinion, San Nicolas said that former governor Benigno R. Fitial signed the PPA, relying on Buckingham's certification.

Just like lawmakers, the governor wasn't surprised at all that SDLLC would sue CUC over the PPA.

Lawmakers are putting their faith in the Office of the Attorney General, CUC, and the Inos administration to win the case.

SDLLC, through counsel William Fitzgerald, sued CUC for breach of express contract and implied-in-fact contract, among other things.

Buckingham and Fitial signed off on the 25-year PPA with SDLLC on Aug. 3, 2012, without most of the CNMI knowing about the deal.

Fitial was impeached by the House early this year for corruption, neglect of duty and felony over a host of issues that included the signing of a sole-source \$190.8 million PPA with SDLLC. Fitial resigned days before the start of his impeachment trial at the Senate.

birth tourism.

Sablan said he has been following this up with DHS and he expects to have another meeting with DHS when he gets back to Washington, D.C. this week.

He said he continues to engage the CNMI's federal partners.

For example, the federal government could enter into an agreement with signatory airlines on additional conditions imposed on passengers that board the airlines.

"We're not there yet but Governor Inos and I have started engaging federal authorities," the delegate added.

High fees as deterrent

The CNMI government is also looking at increasing the cost of baby delivery at CHC for tourists as a "disincentive" or "deterrent" to birth tourism, and not as a revenue-generating measure for the hospital.

"But listen, there's a lot of money in China and they're willing to pay whatever it costs to get their citizenship," he said.

He said any increased fee would have to be vetted through regulatory process.

The governor said he would also like to see a proposal to impose security deposit to ensure all expenses are covered.

Earlier, the idea of raising the cost of a birth certificate from the current \$20 to \$50,000 for babies of tourists was also explored.

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if the women are unable to pay, CHC takes on the burden.

"What I'm saying is, if something happens along the way, the delivery or after delivery, say the baby is not functioning properly or something like that, and the mother just walked away, I hate to see that happen, but it could be a problem," Inos said.

But he said to his knowledge, no baby of a tourist has been abandoned at CHC.

Moreover, those who come to the CNMI for birth tourism come financially prepared, the governor said.

Inos also said one area that can be looked at is the private clinics that provide prenatal checkups to Chinese tourists.

Working with Chinese government

The governor, in responding to a media question, said his office has reached out to the Chinese Consulate General in Los Angeles, California to address the matter at hand.

"We've opened the door, we brought the subject up and they're willing to sit down and discuss about this matter," Inos said.

Engaging the feds

In April this year, Inos and Sablan jointly wrote a letter to DHS, seeking actions to address

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come to our office and we have some forms you can fill out, and those are immediately forwarded to the Philippine Red Cross. They'll be looking for those loved ones to make sure they're okay," he said.

Those wanting to use Restoring Family Links could visit the ARC-NMI Chapter office along Airport Road in front of the Francisco C. Ada/Saipan International Airport or call 234-3459.

According to ARC website, Restoring Family Links is a free service that successfully assists more than 5,000 families trying to reconnect with their loved ones in the U.S. and around the world.

On Monday, Guam Delegate Madeleine Z. Bordallo issued a statement to extend her sympathies to the Philippines and those affected by the supertyphoon.

"My thoughts and prayers are with all Filipinos affected by Supertyphoon Haiyan. The Philippines is one of our nation's closest allies in the Asia-Pacific region. Many Filipinos in Guam continue to have friends and loved ones in the Philippines," she said.

She promised Filipinos that she will work with the U.S. State Department, the U.S. Department of Defense, and any other federal agency to ensure that the United States can support its allies in the Philippines "as we did with our allies in Japan following the devastation of the March 2011 tsunami and earthquake."

Corporate effort

Tan Holdings has initiated its own donation drive for victims of the supertyphoon, which reports indicate could claim an upwards of 10,000 lives in the central Philippines.

"As you may already know, Supertyphoon Haiyan, which devastated a large portion of the Visayas region in the central

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"Throughout history, the people of the CNMI have willingly sent their sons and daughters to the forefront of every conflict or operation America has had to face since World War II," said keynote speaker Rear Adm. Tilghman D. Payne in his remarks.

Payne, who is commander of both the U.S. Naval Forces Marianas and Joint Region Marianas, urged the audience to pay close attention to the stories a veteran might tell them.

"These are stories you will share with future generations of how your parents and grandparents serve to protect your freedoms and defend your life," he said.

Payne explained that it is through storytelling and pass-

Philippines, caused horrific destruction and affected the lives of at least 4 million people in these areas. It was the strongest storm in recorded history to ever make landfall. It was 3.5 times the strength of Hurricane Katrina and weather reports said that its cloud band was so massive that if it was in the East Coast of the United States, it would have covered the area between Canada and Florida," the company's internal memo to its employees read.

Because of the urgency of the situation on the ground and the logistical challenges in bringing aid and relief to the affected areas, and considering the importance of speed, Tan Holdings has asked employees and other individuals who want to help to donate cash.

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ing of time that many young men and women make the decision to serve the nation, island, and home.

"When the time comes for these Americans who dedicated their lives to defending our country come home, it is our duty and responsibility to care for them and protect them as they have protected us," Payne said. "If there is anything our veterans can teach us, it is that there is no threat we cannot meet and no challenge we can't overcome. We are a nation that cannot and will not be brought down."

According to Payne, 98 CNMI residents served in the Marine Corps and fought courageously in World War II. During the Vietnam conflict in 1965, three people from the region represented the Pacific.

Marie Salas-Igitol, the CNMI and Guam Army Na-

Holdings CEO Jerry Tan himself has personally pledged to help in this effort. "We hope that everyone also finds it in himself/herself to give what they can."

The beneficiary of Tan Holdings' fund drive will be the United Nations World Food Programme (www.wfp.org).

"They are already in place to initially deploy 120,000 hi-energy food packs but need ongoing international support to fund logistics and transport. Food and water has been identified as the most vital need at this time."

Calling on all HAM radio operators

MDX Amateur Radio Club is calling on all ham radio operators on Saipan to attend a meeting tomorrow, Nov. 13, 5:30pm at the 13 Fisherman Pavillion

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For continuing and further updates, you may wish to visit the National Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Council (NDRRMC) website www.ndrrmc.gov.ph.

tional Guard Family Support group coordinator, echoed Payne's remarks.

"Today we pay tribute to those who answered to our call of need without hesitation," Igitol said. "Every single one of them, although we may not know them personally, they are so deserving of our utmost respect and our undying gratitude."

Igitol, a spouse and daughter of veterans, said that she can relate very closely with the emotions that come from living in a military family.

"There are only three things we can do: stay strong, stay focused, and keep praying," she said. "Today marks another day closer to having them return home, where they belong."

Immediately after the speeches followed the recognition of veterans and the laying of the wreath.

along Beach Road in Garapan.

According to MDX board member Leo Canedo, the group's president, Bong Mala-sarte, wants ham radio operators on Saipan to help those who want to communicate with their families in the Visayas area, especially Leyte.

"As we all know, communication is still down up to now and the only means of communicating is by ham radio," said Canedo.

He said that MDX was able to contact the Philippine Amateur Radio Association yesterday morning and they are now establishing stations in different parts of the province.

"We are calling all ham radio operators on Saipan and let us all join hands to help our fellow *kababayans* [compatriots] by means of communication. To all of our *kababayans* that are in need of assistance in finding the situations of their families, they can come and join us on Wednesday."

Those who need help in locating their loved ones can contact MDX at 322-8895 and look for Romy or Leo or call 287-5525 and look for Bong.

MDX is also expected to start a fund drive, to be donated to the Philippine National Red Cross.

Rechargeable lanterns, fans needed

Cornerstone Family Empowerment Ministries, a ministry of Cornerstone Christian Church on Saipan and its affiliate Cornerstone Churches, is also seeking monetary donations to buy 300 rechargeable lanterns and 300 rechargeable electric fans for the victims of supertyphoon Yolanda in Maasin, southern Leyte. For more information, email conerstonespn@gmail.com.

Earlier, the Philippine Consulate General in Guam and the United Filipino Organization said they will be starting fund drives to help victims of the supertyphoon in the central Philippines. (see list of Philippine agencies accepting monetary donations)

Payne, veterans, service members, and Gov. Eloy Inos honored the occasion with the laying of a wreath at the Court of Honor.

Vicente Camacho, director of the NMI Military and Veterans Affairs Office, who delivered the closing remarks, thanked the community for participating in paying tribute to those serving and those who have served in the armed forces.

The Saipan Pacific Winds Concert Band, JROTC Manta Ray Battalion, and the Marianas High School Chorus assisted during the ceremony.

Yesterday's event marked the end of Veterans Awareness Week in the CNMI, but hundreds of community members and officials all agreed that every day should be a day to remember the heroes for their valor, work to advance peace, and their dedication.

Kilili: Bigger problem sans NMI provision in immigration bills

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Delegate Gregorio Kilili C. Sablan (Ind-MP) is urging CNMI lawmakers to read the entire reform immigration bills in the U.S. Senate and House to better understand the importance of the CNMI-specific provision he has asked for inclusion, which is to prevent a much bigger problem ahead, among other things.

This, as the CNMI House Committee on Foreign and Federal Relations recommends full House adoption of a resolution asking U.S. Congress not to act on Sablan's requested CNMI-specific provision on S. 744 and H.R. 15, which allows long-term legal aliens in the CNMI to apply for improved immigration status.

Sablan said that without Section 2109 in S. 744, for example, "the problem would be that anyone who's been here

as of December 2011, who has no felony conviction, who has no three misdemeanor charges, would be eligible to a path [to citizenship]."

"That's a lot of people. Section 2109 reduces that to about a third. It sets foundations, timelines," Sablan told *Saipan Tribune* in an interview yesterday.

Sablan reiterated that the issue of immigration "was settled in 1975 when the people approved the Covenant."

"If the federal government is infringing upon Northern Marianas sovereignty, with immigration, then why don't take Public Law 110-229 to court? Former governor Fitial thought about this, he tried, and then backed off because he knew he couldn't do that," Sablan said.

The CNMI-specific provision in both S. 744 and H.R. 15 allows legal aliens who have been in the CNMI since at least 2003

to "apply" for permanent residency or "green card" five years after the immigration reform bill is signed into law.

The CNMI House Committee on Foreign and Federal Relations chaired by Rep. Trenton Conner (Ind-Tinian) is recommending full House adoption of Rep. Felicidad Ogumoro's (R-Saipan) House Resolution 18-34.

Ogumoro's resolution, co-authored by 11 other House members, asserts that Section 2109 of S. 744 "violates" the Covenant that established the Northern Marianas' political union with the United States.

S. 744 and H.R. 15 seek to provide pathway to citizenship for some 11 million undocumented aliens in the United States.



Sablan

Conner, after an almost six-hour meeting on Friday, said the committee has thoroughly reviewed Ogumoro's resolution, and there's a general consensus to support it.

A resolution only expresses the Legislature's viewpoint; it does not become law.

"My first suggestion is they read the entire bill. I know it's a lot of work. Take out Section 2109 and read the bill, and see if you like that," Sablan said.

"2109 actually puts some kind of mitigation over the general provision of the comprehensive immigration reform. Without 2109 in the bill, we would have a problem."

Sablan said Conner wrote to him about the CNMI provisions in S. 744.

He said his office called Con-

ner's office five times but no one answered the phone calls.

Sablan said that, except for Conner, Tinian lawmakers, past and present, have been reaching out to him in his five years in office, to inquire about the China visa waiver program and other issues critical to Tinian.

The delegate also said Ogumoro's resolution that Conner's committee is recommending full CNMI House adoption is "wrong."

"How can they claim that the U.S. is infringing on CNMI, when the law says the U.S. has the right, given in the Covenant in 1975, that the people approved?" Sablan said.

He also addressed the claim that the U.S. has not consulted the CNMI on the immigration bills' CNMI-specific provision.

"What is it that they want? They want the senators to come here and ask for their opinion

when they haven't even read the bill? How can you talk to someone about something when they have no idea what you're talking about? Read the bill," Sablan added.

The delegate said Ogumoro, in particular, should also explain to the CNMI people why she supported the \$190.8-million power purchase agreement with Saipan Development LLC that is now suing the Commonwealth Utilities Corp.

Besides Ogumoro and Conner, the other committee members that voted to support Ogumoro's HR 18-34 are Reps. Lorenzo Deleon Guerrero (Ind-Saipan), Ralph Yumul (Ind-Saipan), Antonio Agulto (Ind-Saipan), John Paul Sablan (Cov-Saipan), and Christopher Leon Guerrero (Cov-Saipan).

The resolution, however, could be acted on during the House session on Rota this Friday.

'CHC's unreliable numbers hamper creation of new budget'

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REPORTER

The Commonwealth Health Center remains without a formal budget for this new fiscal year following admission that completing the document is still faced with a big challenge.

Commonwealth Health-care Corp. interim CEO Esther Muña told *Saipan Tribune* that their proposed budget for fiscal

year 2014 that started on Oct. 1 remains on the CHCC board's table and is scheduled for discussion today.

She said the biggest challenge in completing the budget is the hospital's "unreliable historical numbers," which are needed for coming up with reliable budget projections.

The corporation took over the public hospital in October 2011 from the then-Department of

Public Health. Before that, the hospital was appropriated some \$37 million every fiscal year by the central government.

As an autonomous agency, the CHCC was created as a self-generating corporation that will handle its own operational budget and expenditures.

"If you're going to have a [budget] projection, you need to have a history. We're trying to come up with a projection,

MILA's first general assembly today, tomorrow

Speaker Judith T. Won Pat, Ed.D. and Majority Leader Rory J. Respicio, chairpersons of the Mariana Islands Legislature Association, have invited legislative members from Guam and the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands to participate in MILA's First General Assembly, to be held at the Guam Legislature's Antonio R. Unpingco Legislative Session Hall, today and tomorrow, Nov. 12-13, 2013.

MILA was established with I Liheslaturan Guahan's passage of Resolution 375-31, relative to recognizing and agreeing with the desires of the Northern Mariana Island Legislature to form the Mariana Islands Legislature Association, and to establish within that entity a Mariana Islands Cooperative Initiative to explore areas of joint economic development and mutual benefit between the governments of Guam and the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

"There are several issues facing us as a community that, in our opinion, cannot hope to be resolved without maximum cooperation among elected officials of our government, together with the sage counsel, advice and contribution of key members of our community, we will continue to improve the quality of life, relationships and future of our island communities," noted Won Pat.

The theme of MILA's First General Assembly is "Marianas First! Mo'na Mariandas!" and

topics of discussion that will be covered include trade between Guam and CNMI, cruise liners and health care.

Respicio stated, "This year's theme of 'Marianas First! Mo'na Mariandas!' highlights the fact that

we are all brothers and sisters in the Marianas and by joining to address our issues together as a whole, we can move forward as one voice with one common goal of putting the Marianas First before all else." (PR)

which is very difficult right now because the historical numbers are not reliable. That's the negative side of this [new] budget and that's why it is taking us long," said Muña.

She described the hospital's numbers as having a "very fluctuating history" that goes up and down.

Muña is expected to present to the CHCC board today the budget proposal for fiscal year 2014. Although she has a "set number" to present, she admitted that this remains to be worked out with the board.

She cited as an example the proposed budget for each hospital unit, which may be "understated."

"We have a set number...but we still need to work around it,"

said Muña.

For the proposed budget to be realized, the corporation has to look into seriously cutting its expenditures, particularly in the areas of overtime pay and utilities, she said.

One way to do this, she said, is to hire more needed personnel so they could cut back on overtime costs.

Establishing a foundation for the hospital is also among the ways the corporation can bring in additional funds.

Muña also cited the lack of a permanent chief financial officer, whose main job is formulating the budget, among other important tasks. The position, she said, remains vacant and is being announced.

Based on the corporation's

proposed budget for fiscal year 2014 which was presented in April, the agency needs \$35.9 million to cover its personnel and operational costs in the next 12 months. Of this amount, \$10.2 million is being sought from the local government, while the rest will be covered by the hospital's revenue and collections.

Still based on the corporation's early projections, net patient revenues in fiscal year 2014 is expected to reach \$34.6 million, the bulk of which will come from Medicare reimbursements projected at \$11 million and Medicaid reimbursement at \$18 million. Revenue from private insurances is projected at \$3.6 million; \$300,000 from the collection agency; \$1.4 million from self-pay; and \$240,000 for services to other agencies.

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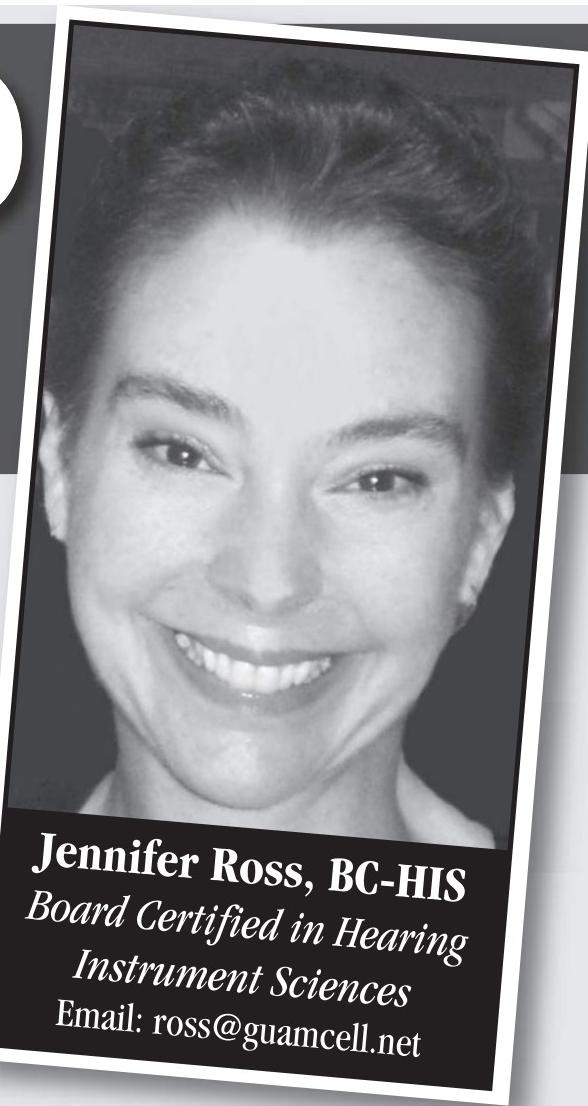
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Truck catches fire near gas station in Kagman

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REPORTER

A delivery truck caught fire yesterday afternoon across the Mobil Gas Station in Kagman.

The driver was not injured as he managed to get off the truck, Department of Public Safety Fire Division spokesperson Jocelyn Alvarez told *Saipan Tribune*.

Fire engulfs a delivery truck at the traffic intersection located across Mobil Gas Station in Kagman yesterday afternoon. The driver managed to get out before the blaze started to burn the vehicle.

MARYANN LIZAMA

A witness said the fire snarled traffic in the area for about an hour.

Alvarez said DPS received a call at 2:13pm about a vehicle on fire near Mobil Gas Station.

She said an ambulance unit arrived at the scene at 2:16pm.

The first fire truck coming from Garapan Fire Station arrived at 2:22pm. Firefighters then extinguished the blaze.

2 men rescued from near-drowning

Scuba divers rescued two men who reportedly nearly drowned while fishing at Laulau Beach Saturday morning.

Police identified the victims as John M. Seman, 25, and Richard M. Seman, 26, who both sustained minor scratches on the legs.

One of the victims was admitted to the Commonwealth

Health Center for observation due to fluid in his lungs.

Police said the Department of Public Safety received an emergency 911 call about a near-drowning incident at Laulau Beach at 12:01pm.

DPS patrol officers arrived at the beach and met with the caller, an on-duty G4S security guard, who advised them that

the two victims were out fishing when a wave struck them.

As the two victims attempted to swim back to shore, the waves forced them against the reef.

Nearby scuba divers noticed the victims in distress and came to their aid in going back to shore. The report did not mention how many scuba divers were involved in the rescue.

When a patrol officer arrived

and got down.

That's when the vehicle caught fire. A witness said the truck came from Kagman and was heading to the San Vicente area.

Alvarez said investigators were still trying to determine the cause of the blaze as of yesterday.

at the scene, the victims were already on the shore being assisted by scuba divers.

The patrol officer requested DPS Fire medics to the scene. Medics transported the victims to CHC for treatment.

Police said that DPS Boating Safety officers who proceeded via jet skis were forced to divert from responding due to rough waters. (*Ferdie de la Torre*)

Docomo: Committed to expanding services

Even as local channel ABC7 introduced 24-7 live programming last Nov. 4 on Saipan, Docomo Pacific said it is committed to bringing "real-time" cable TV programming, among other services.

The telecommunication company's general manager, James Nelson, said they remain dedicated to expanding the range of products and services in the CNMI.

"That is why, over the past six months, we have made numerous requests to IT&E for specific information regarding tariffs and capacity of the undersea fiber optic cable—requests that have come not just from 'middle management' but from the highest executive levels."

Nelson was responding to a quote by IT&E CEO Bong Mojica during the launch of Sorenson Media Group Saipan's 24/7 live programming.

In an interview with *Saipan Tribune*, Mojica said that, while he hasn't been approached by Docomo Pacific top brass, his staff received inquiries from the company about rates for its undersea fiber bandwidth.

"I think there are discussions with my people. I'm sure there's ongoing discussions but from a higher-level strategic standpoint, none," he said.

Mojica said that IT&E isn't closing its doors to Docomo Pacific, which has been vocal in what it earlier called its rival's monopolistic hold on the island's undersea cable service.

"They're a customer. It's [ABC7] a commercial agreement and anybody who has a commercial agreement with us buys the rates," he said.

Nelson said that talks with IT&E are at a standstill. "We are still waiting for a response. Docomo Pacific's position is not—and has never been—that this bandwidth should be 'free' but simply that rates should be fair and transparent. We are ready to discuss and, hopefully, to move forward."

NTT Docomo, Docomo Pacific's parent company, acquired MCV Broadband in May to the tune of \$29.8 million. (*Mark Rabago*)

Pangelinan found accessing Internet, again

The U.S. Probation Office has requested the federal court to revoke the supervision of former Coastal Resources Management official Benny K. Pangelinan after he was found accessing the Internet again, in violation of his probation.

U.S. Probation Officer Gregory F. Arriola stated that the special condition of Pangelinan's supervision is that he shall not possess or use a computer or other elec-

tronic device with access to the Internet, without permission from a probation officer.

Arriola said he was at the intersection across San Jose Mart in San Jose on Oct. 10, 2013, when he saw Pangelinan leave an Internet shop.

Arriola said he then inquired with the cashier, who told him that Pangelinan had paid for Internet services and had used one of the computers for about 24 min-

utes. The cashier showed the probation officer a video recording of Pangelinan using the computer.

That same day, Arriola called Pangelinan on his cell phone, but he could not be contacted. The officer also sent text messages to the defendant, requesting to call him back, but he did not.

At a noncompliance meeting on Oct. 15, Pangelinan denied accessing or attempting to use the Internet. He said if there have been people seeing him walking into the Internet shop across Town House in Chalan Kanoa, he was there to buy a prepaid phone card on more than one occasion.

When Arriola told him that he was seen leaving an Internet shop in San Jose, he explained he was purchasing a phone card and denied accessing the Internet.

After being informed about the video recording, Arriola said that Pangelinan admitted that he had accessed the Internet but only to catch up on sports events, read the news, and send an email to his son in Oregon.

The officer reminded Pangelinan that he needed to obtain written permission from the officer before using any Internet devices.

Pangelinan apologized and stated that, although he did access the Internet, he did not attempt to contact any outside sources related to his case.

Arriola said that Pangelinan has already paid his special assessment fee in full and that his retirement wages are being garnished at a rate of \$400 a month as payment for his restitution.

Pangelinan has also completed 200 hours of community service and submitted to the collection of a DNA sample.

Pangelinan pleaded guilty in federal court last month to one count of wire fraud in connection with his new involvement in an Internet scam. His sentencing will be on Feb. 21, 2014, at 9am.

According to the U.S. government, Pangelinan transmitted or caused to be transmitted a total of \$3,770 through wire transfers to Malaysia and Australia in 2011. Pangelinan par-

ticipated in the scheme from Oct. 14, 2010, to Oct. 31, 2011, obtaining money and property by means of fraudulent pretenses and promises.

In January 2007, a federal jury found Pangelinan guilty of wire fraud charges for defrauding potential investors and for his involvement in an Internet scam. He was sentenced to three years in prison and ordered to pay \$129,250 in restitution to five victims.

In September 2011, the U.S. Probation Office moved to revoke Pangelinan's probation after finding out that he borrowed \$21,450 from a couple and received over \$11,000 from a family member,

with promises to both that he will double their money.

In January 2012, the court placed Pangelinan in the custody of the U.S. Attorney General for hospitalization. The court had found the defendant in violation of the probation, but at the same time the judge determined that there is cause to believe that the defendant "is presently suffering from a mental disease or defect." (*Ferdie de la Torre*)

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"Project Management Services for the Brownfields Environmental Site Assessment Projects for the Department of Public Lands"

The complete Scope of Work for this project will be available on or after October 29, 2013 and may be picked up at the Office of the Director of Procurement and Supply, Lower Base Drive during regular working hours.

The Commonwealth reserves the right to reject any and all bids and proposals; in whole or in part, and to waive any imperfection in a bid in the best interest of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands. All bids shall become the property of the CNMI government.

/s/ Pedro A. Tenorio
Secretary of Public Lands

/s/ Herman S. Sablan
Director, Proc. & Supply

PUBLIC NOTICE

In accordance with the "Open Government Act", the Public School System State Board of Education, through their Interagency Coordinating Council (ICC), is hereby serving notice to the general public that it will hold its ICC meeting on Monday, November 18, 2013, 8:00 am to 11:00 am, at the World Resort Saipan. This meeting is open to the public; interested individuals are welcome to attend.

AGENDA

I. Call to Order
a. Roll Call
b. Presence of a Quorum
c. Adoption of Agenda
d. Adoption of Minutes

II. Approval of the By-Laws

III. Coordinators Reports
a. Draft FFY 2012 Annual Performance Report
b. Grant Application
c. State Systemic Improvement Plans Process

IV. Adjournment

In compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), individuals who wish to attend this meeting, but require accessibility such as large print, sign language or interpreter, must call 237-3029/19. Several days' notice is necessary to allow organizers ample time to make necessary arrangements.

/s/ Margaret Aldan /s/ Robin L. Palacios
Chairwoman Interim Coordinator, early Intervention Program

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The U.S. Navy has prepared a Draft Environmental Impact Statement/Overseas Environmental Impact Statement (EIS/OEIS) to evaluate potential environmental impacts associated with the continuation of military readiness training and testing activities conducted within the Mariana Islands Training and Testing (MITT) Study Area. The MITT EIS/OEIS is the reevaluation and reauthorization of training and testing activities reviewed in the Mariana Islands Range Complex EIS/OEIS, which the Navy completed with community input in 2010.

OPEN HOUSE PUBLIC MEETINGS 5 to 8 p.m.

Guam
Tuesday, Nov. 12, 2013
University of Guam, Leon Guerrero School of Business and Public Administration Building, Anthony Leon Guerrero Multi-Purpose Room 129 Mangilao, Guam 96923

We welcome your input!

The Draft EIS/OEIS is available for public review and comment from Sept. 13, 2013, to Dec. 12, 2013 (ChST).

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All comments must be postmarked or received online by Dec. 12, 2013, Chamorro Standard Time (ChST), for consideration in the Final EIS/OEIS.

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Wednesday, Nov. 13, 2013
Pedro P. Tenorio Multi-Purpose Center in Susupe
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Thursday, Nov. 14, 2013
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Rota
Friday, Nov. 15, 2013
Sinapalo Elementary School, Cafeteria
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Rota, MP 96951

Visit the following public libraries or www.MITT-EIS.com to view the document: University of Guam Robert F. Kennedy Memorial Library, Nieves M. Flores Memorial Library, Joeten-Kiyo Public Library, Tinian Public Library or the Rota Public Library.

Dated this 2nd day of October, 2013.

/s/ Clerk of Court

New JKPL website work now in progress—Gonzales

»E-books rollout postponed

Work on the Joeten-Kiyu Public Library's new website is progressing, while the launch of its e-books program has been held back due to budgetary constraints.

JKPL executive director John O. Gonzales said they have already chosen a "speculative layout design" for the website.

The design in turn has been given to the website designer, who is working on integrating it with the content manage-

ment system. Gonzales said the website designer is expected to provide JKPL a preliminary online working version on Nov. 19 for review.

"The web designer is now developing the html codes for each of the specific sections for ease of online navigation and interoperability," he said.

Gonzales said there will be a subsequent online demonstration to staff and manage-

ment to verify interoperability and content management system before JKPL's officially launches the website.

"We will be working with web designer to provide as much relevant and concise content customized to our unique needs, but especially for the diverse informational needs of our library users as an effective virtual platform to access data, information, and titles in association with our Horizons automated and integrated library server connect-

ing all our three public library branches on Rota, Tinian, and Saipan," he said.

Gonzales, meanwhile, said a cut in JKPL's all others operations budget from \$65,000 in fiscal year 2013 to a meager \$18,895 in 2013 has led to the tough decision to put off the launch of its e-books initiative.

"Our ongoing exploratory progress with e-books has led us to our tentative decision to proceed with caution for reasons associated with prohibitive costs for optimized digital titles,

resources, and materials, which frankly does not bode well with our dramatic reduction in JKPL's budget."

The discovery of a technical glitch, the inability of integrating e-books subscriptions with JKPL's automated Horizons library server for Oceania and Pacific region or jurisdictions outside of the mainland U.S., was also another reason they're postponing the launch of the e-books program.

In related news, Gonzales said that the Tinian Public Library's

new hours effective today, Nov. 12, are Mondays-Fridays from 9am to 6pm, Saturdays from 1pm to 5pm, and closed on Sundays and holidays.

For more information about the CNMI state library, visit JKPL during its regular hours, Tuesday to Friday, from 10am to 6pm, and Saturday from 9am to 4 pm. The library is closed on Sundays, Mondays, and holidays. Call the library at 235-7316 or 7322 or visit its website, www.cnmilibrary.com. (Mark Rabago)

'Beasts for Breasts' doubles fundraising goal for CCA



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From left, GetFitCNMI marketing manager Bo Palacios, Level One trainer Jason Tarkong, Commonwealth Cancer Association program manager Juan Babauta, assistant Patty Kapileo, and GetFitCNMI owners Jose Quan and Jason T. Sablan.

The 2nd Annual Beasts for Breasts fundraising event at GetFit CNMI netted \$1,000 for the Commonwealth Cancer Association.

"We are ecstatic over the success of our fundraiser for the CCA," said GetFit CNMI owner Jose T. Quan. "We easily doubled the total amount raised from last year's event, which is a testament of the hard work and dedication of our membership. We are definitely excited to see what we can accomplish next year."

In order to commemorate October as Breast Cancer Awareness Month, GetFit CNMI and its partners at the Commonwealth Cancer Association rallied together to raise funds and build awareness for victims of breast cancer.

"It will always be important to us that the money we raised stays in the CNMI and the CCA is our perfect partner. They help victims of cancer each and every day so we can not thank them enough for the work they do and the mission they are achieving," Quan added.

Members of GetFit CNMI represent a broad cross-section of the CNMI. Members are students, accountants, entrepreneurs, stay-at-home-moms, police officers, firefighters, teachers, attorneys, public health professionals, doctors, among a host of other professions.

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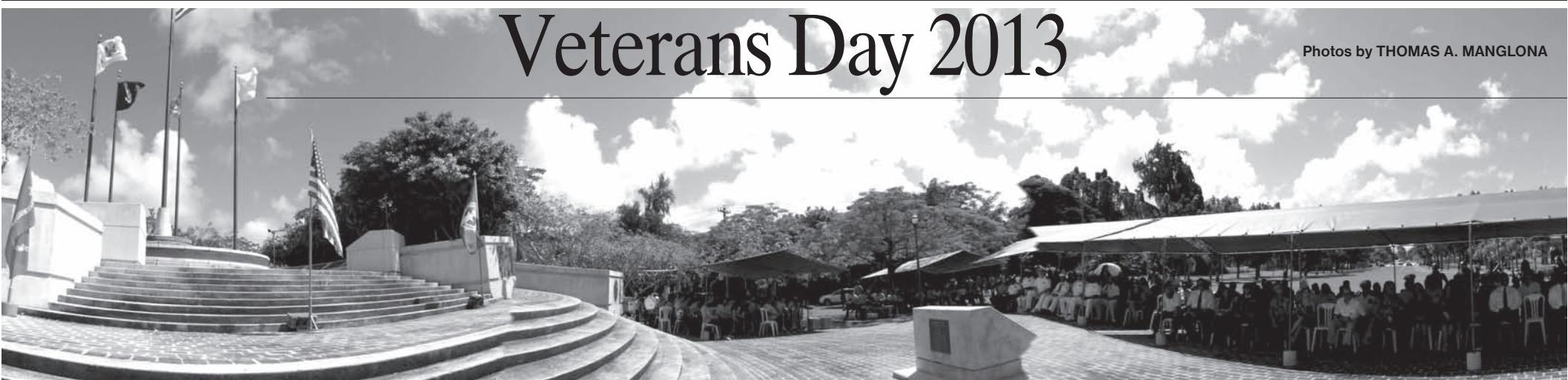
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▲ U.S and military flags snap in the wind as dozens of public officials and members of the community bow their heads to remember those who have made the ultimate sacrifice for our freedom and rights.



Dignitaries and military officials pose for a photo at the American Memorial Park Court of Honor. In the photo are 2013 Liberation Day Queen Nicole Ichihara Sablan, Associate Judge Kenneth Govendo, Lt. Gov. Jude Hofschneider, Gov. Eloy Inos, Associate Judge David Wiseman, and JROTC/military officials, Rear Adm. Tilghman Payne, special guest speaker Marie Salas-Igital, NMI District Court Chief Judge Ramona V. Manglona, and Delegate Gregorio Kilili C. Sablan (Ind-MP).

▲ The SSHS JROTC Manta Ray Battalion poses for a photo at the AMP Court of Honor with military officials.

Rear Adm. Tilghman Payne delivers his keynote address.

Payne meets with Inos, Hofschneider

Rear Adm. Tilghman Payne, commander, Joint Region Marianas, emphasized the importance of partnership between the U.S. military and the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands during a meeting with CNMI elected officials on Saipan on Nov. 12.

Payne met with Gov. Eloy Inos and Lt. Gov. Jude Hofschneider after attending the CNMI Veterans Day ceremony, where he was the guest speaker.

During the meeting, Payne, Inos, and Hofschneider discussed the successful submerged lands law, the Pacific Air Force Divert Runway initiative, and military training opportunities in the Marianas being analyzed by the CNMI Joint Military Training Environmental Impact Statement. All these initiatives are critical to the security and stability of the Pacific.

"As the U.S. defense representative, I am committed to a continual and open dialogue with the CNMI government leaders and the people of the Marianas," Payne said. "Only through a cooperative and collaborative whole of government approach as one community can we sustain our national defense and ensure the prosperity of the CNMI for generations." (PR)



Service members from off-island pose for a photo after yesterday's ceremony at the AMP court honor.



Saipan Southern High School JROTC lead the posting and retiring of colors at yesterday's event. ➤



Rear Adm. Tilghman Payne, commander, Joint Region Marianas, has his picture taken with Gov. Eloy Inos and Lt. Gov. Jude Hofschneider during a luncheon meeting.

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The Marianas High School Chorus sings the national and CNMI anthems and led the audience in the singing of *America the Beautiful*.



▲ Chaplain Ryan Mortensen, 9th Missions Support Command, U.S. Army Reserve, delivers the invocation.

Members of the Saipan Pacific Winds Concert Band play music at the American Memorial Park Court of Honor during yesterday's Veterans Day ceremony.



U.S. Coast Guard Lt. Kennet McCain, his wife Jazmine, and daughter Maya pose for a photo at the 2013 Veterans Day ceremony.



TINIAN CELEBRATION

Tinian also celebrated Veterans Day yesterday, Nov. 11, 2013. That same day, the U.S. Marine Corps also celebrated its 238th birthday. One of their traditions in celebrating this special occasion is Maj. Aaron Heisinger cutting the cake and passing it to one of the eldest and the youngest member of the Marines Corps.

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A SALUTE TO VETERANS

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From Apalachin to Dallas: The mob and the JFK assassination

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With the 50th anniversary of JFK's assassination approaching, I decided to share a few items of my own research on the matter. These items could change our thinking about the nexus of mob leaders, rogue CIA agents, and anti-Castro Cuban exiles at the center of most assassination scenarios. My information suggests it was the thwarting of the mob's vision to create a parallel governmental entity in America that propelled the plot.

The big piece of evidence is a reinterpretation of the November 1957 Apalachin, N.Y., gathering of national leaders of organized crime, at Joe Barbara's estate, when the mob was outed to America.

This revision is based on the statements of two impeccable police sources whose inside knowledge has never been part of the traditional story surrounding the event. Their statements cast a different light on what Apalachin was all about, and how it could relate to the JFK assassination.

Sgt. Joe Benenati and George Karalus were both New York State Police troopers. Benenati, a highly decorated war veteran, was part of police operations at Apalachin and signed the official report of the incident.

Karalus was specially trained in intelligence operations. He served 1964-72 in a top-secret New York State Police Special Investigations Unit. The unit wiretapped and monitored the operations of Buffalo mob chief Stefano Maggadino, who organized the Apalachin meeting. I interviewed George three times, intensively, during the last six years. Karalus met Benenati when he interviewed him extensively on three occasions for work on a book, "The Teflon Don," written with Matt Gryta.

According to Karalus and Benenati, traditional accounts explaining the purpose of the Apalachin meeting are incomplete. The conference was not called simply to address problems with the drug trade or to settle blood feuds relating to the murder of Albert Anastasia. Instead, Item One on the agenda was expanding the political power of the mob in national life.

Perhaps the Mafia hoped to become a para-governmental entity in America—as it had been for centuries in Southern Italy and, more recently, in many urban neighborhoods in America. Among the areas to be exploited: national control of unions, the textile industry, the trucking industry, the sugar trade, urban political machines and even the prison system.

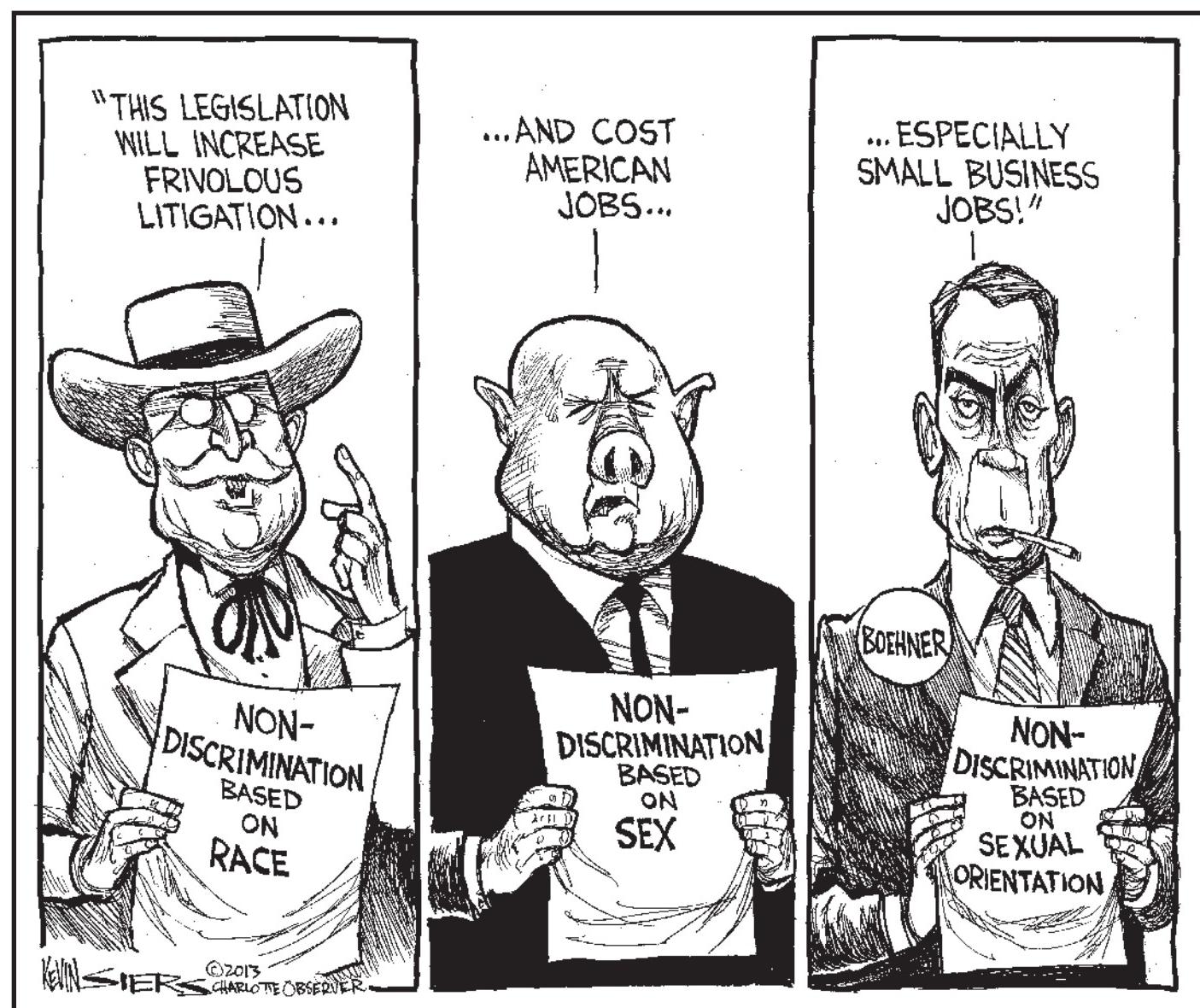
Benenati knew about the agenda through his friendship with Melvin John Blossom.

Before the police activity began, Blossom, the caretaker of the Barbara estate, was in the same room with early arrivals, Joe Profaci, (Brooklyn); Stefano Maggadino, (Buffalo); and Tommy Lucchese, (New York City). Blossom heard their pointed conversation, led by Lucchese, who wanted to expand the mob's national political power.

Considered the most intelligent of the mob bosses, Lucchese was fascinated by politics. It has been reported (e.g., by Bill Bonanno in his book, "Bound by Honor," that Lucchese was the diplomat who engineered the coup that made Lyndon Johnson JFK's vice-presidential running mate.

During the 1960 election, mob bosses were critical in lining up union support behind Kennedy; and, as the story goes, Sam Giancana's Chicago outfit provided the votes that put Kennedy over the top. The national political star of the mob was clearly ascending.

However, when Robert F. Kennedy became U.S. attorney gen-



Honoring the cornerstone of our nation

Editor's Note: The following is the text of the speech Rear Adm. Tilghman Payne delivered at the Veterans Day ceremony on Saipan on Nov. 11, 2013.

Mr. Demapan, thank you for the kind introduction. Congressman Sablan, Governor Inos, Lt. Governor Hofschneider, Capt. White, ladies and gentleman—*hafa adai* and good morning.

I'd like to thank the governor and Mr. Vicente Camacho for the invitation to speak during today's event.

It is indeed a great privilege to be in the company of true heroes. Please join me in recognizing these individuals who established the foundation of our armed forces and paved the way for our future.

Today we celebrate the cornerstone of our nation. We celebrate the men and women who have chosen to serve the greatest fighting force this world has ever seen. But most especially, today is an opportunity to celebrate the choice an individual makes to serve their country.

Our veterans are the backbone of communities, most importantly, this community. They hold leadership positions in the local and federal government as well as private businesses. They mentor our youth, protect the environment, and assist fellow veterans. They are cherished members of society.

Thomas Paine once said, "Those who expect to reap the blessings of freedom must undergo the fatigue of supporting it." Many of you here have experienced that burden and the weariness of war in order to bring about peace. Whether in the jungles of Vietnam, the terrain of Korea or deserts in Iraq and Afghanistan, you've set the example and created the legacy that inspired many to raise their hands in voluntary service to this great country.

This legacy, your legacy, is real and can still be seen today. Case in point, there are currently 36 men and women from the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands serving with the Guam Army National Guard; 16 of whom are detached in Afghanistan with the largest deployment of soldiers in this region's history. These individuals chose to bear arms with 574 Guamanians to continue the preservation of our liberties and freedoms.

Simply put, their selflessness, dedication and commitment is an illustration of the legacy of service that began with our veterans.

As we stand here, the 5,204 names etched on this memorial is a reminder of the veterans who fought bravely during the Marianas Campaign of World War II. During a time of uncertainty and at the beginning of the end of the war, thousands of service members fought along Saipan's coasts in an effort to capture the island from

**By REAR ADM.
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Special to the Saipan Tribune

Rear Adm. Tilghman Payne is commander of Joint Region Marianas.



opposing forces.

It is because of those brave individuals that we are able to celebrate freely without fear of persecution or intolerance.

This is a place where it is impossible not to be moved by that sacrifice. As we gather here this morning, a veteran somewhere in the world is sharing their story of service. These are stories of comrades lost in battle, friends wounded in the line of duty and the fight to survive to live another day. These are the stories that have come to define eras.

It is through the passing of time and through storytelling that many of our young men and women are inspired to make the decision to serve their nation, their island, their home. Whether it was an uncle's Vietnam tale of firefights, a sister's account of IEDs in Iraq or a father's recollection of missions during Operation Desert Storm, these are all variables that stirred the patriotism of this generation.

If you are a veteran, please share your story with others. Let everyone know what you've done so they can see the many faces of military service and appreciate the personal service of their neighbors.

For today's young men and women, I ask that when you meet a veteran and they begin to share their stories of war, sacrifice and courage, take a moment to listen to them. Their experiences are the true foundation of this great nation. These are the stories you will share with future generations of how your parents and grandparents served to protect your freedom and defend your life.

Throughout history, the people of the CNMI have willingly sent their sons and daughters to the forefront of every conflict or operation America has had to face since World War II. During World War II, ninety-eight CNMI residents enlisted in the Marine Corps and fought courageously. During the Vietnam Conflict, three people from the region fought and died.

Lance Cpl. Ramon T. Kaipat is a shining example of unselfish

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Fuetsan figu` na kompania

Isutton na intereshu gi mapropopone na planu pot kandet yan lugat batku (ma-areglia yan manhatsa) gaige mas gi fuetsan este siha na kompania giya Washington, D.C.

Yangin ta sede na u fan halom, pues libianu ta faien kau siña man-liheñg hit gi papa` papan niha gi asuntu siha ni ta disesehan Washington. Ayudu este ni dañkulu para hita gi atuñgo` niha ni manman-bobota gi pisun kongresson America.

Sali i fuetsan delegaduta (ti isauña) gi matufuñg botuña `nai ti bali yan ti matufuñg `nai gai bali i asuntu gi halom komitean sanpapa` na guma.

I fuetsan niha ta nesessita fuera de miyon pot miyon pesus ni gaige gi puntan tasi `nai mananañga kau para ta aksepta offresimentun niha ayudun modetro na sisteman kandet.

Guuya este na asuntu i gaige gi otru banda gi mapropopone na adelantu siha. Esta monhayen mamaisenyu` nu este na ayudu. Mamagof malagnos kanai niha gigon monhayen i man-ma`gasta madapta un` joint resolution na masupoppota este na ofresimentu.

Taya` presisu na para u makontinua mapoñga i publiku guaguan yan destrosiu na apas kandet lau gaige ha` esta guine un appottunitat para tana` mas baratu este na gastun familia.

Dañkulu na ayudu i para tafan masede gi halom papan niha umadelanta relasionta yan Washington kumu gobietno-ta nasionat.

Hinesguan gi finu` tanu`

Guaha `nai mako`lauyu` palabra pot hinesguan gi otru man-titige` finu` Chamorro. Hu komprende puntun niha lau ni ñgai`an `nai bai` konfotme gi asuntu ni mapresenta.

Para haf manadan birada. Listuyu` numae` otru omukupa este na pahina gi gasetta gigon guaha malagu` mamatinas kontribusion gi mantuge` asuntun linahyan.

Siña ha` ti umafagcha` ineyagta mañgge` lau dudayu` kau un` chanda ayu siha na mañaina `nai umeyagyu` liñguahen nana-ta desde 1956 na sakan siha. Pot ihemplu, si biuhu Elias P. Sabblan tres eskaleran liñguahen Chamorro ha tuñgu`.

I otru si defunto Tun Ignacion Benavente. Tinatitiye gi as tiuhu William S. Reyes yan asaguaña yan si nanahu` mismu. Kabales matuñgu` liñguahen Chamorro ya megai birada `nai mana` dinanche palabra yan pronunsiasioñ-hu gi finu` Chamorro.

Pot ihemplu: `An mafaisen kau hulat hau gi saptosmu, haf mohon i propiu ineppe? Lau pot ositan i kuestion. Manu dinanche, “pantalan” pat “bantalan”; yan “kantar” pat “tañkaru”?

Dinanche para ta sañgan na “managu” un` palao`an pat mas propiu yan respetau i “mandiskatga?” Propiu usun “patas” gi tautau pat “addeñg?” Sahñge ha` lokue` “madiskatga”. Ti parehu yan “mandeskatga”. Propiu usun “chuñgat” `nai maputa` pechoña i tautau pot

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patriotism. He was assigned to the 1st Light Armored Reconnaissance Battalion, 1st Marine Division, I Marine Expeditionary Force from Camp Pendleton, Calif. and died April 2012 while conducting combat operations in Afghanistan.

To many here, he was a son, brother or friend. For those of us who did not know him personally, he was and still is an American hero. He was a man proud of his heritage rooted here in the CNMI who made the ultimate sacrifice while serving our nation.

Men and women like Lance Cpl. Kaipat represent countless other heroes—real people, with names and faces, who served and continue to serve defending in what they believe in. These are the CNMI’s beloved sons and daughters—your family and neighbors.

And when the time comes for these Americans who dedicated their lives to defending this country come home, it is our duty and responsibility to care for them and protect them as they have protected us.

If there is anything our veterans can teach us it’s that there is no threat we cannot meet; there is no challenge we cannot overcome. The reason this is, is because we are nation that cannot and will not be brought down. We are a country that does what is necessary for future generations to succeed.

As we remember all our honorable veterans, we must not forget our families—the strength and pillar of our armed forces. Like the CNMI’s culture, our families are our driving force.

They are the ones we turn to for immediate support, encouragement and courage. Through our spouses, parents and children, we are empowered and determined to forge ahead, to defeat our enemies, to give up our lives for the sake of their very existence.

To the families present today, and those far away, I salute each and every one of you.

To the veterans here today, I express my gratitude for your honor, courage and commitment to serve. For it is without you we would not be here.

Before I close, I would also like to recognize those who are currently serving in foreign lands, manning their posts, standing the watch, and representing their families and CNMI with honor. We thank them for all their courage and service, and we pray for their safe return home. Thank you.

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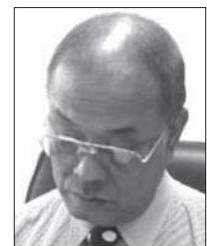
‘Nai sige diniskuten ha`anen sudadanon Amerika, mabotlehan ñaihon i passapotten Trust Territory ni binebeste troñkun niyog gi sanmena.

Esta na`chaleg i botlu ni gueku sa` ni unu kumomprende signifikasjion ayu na troñku desde antigun na komunitat natibu. Megai hana` libre gi tiempun mas didog na ha`ilas. Troñkun natibu desde tutuhon tautau guine siha na islas.

Yangin un` fatachuñge pot para un` lista papa` haf usuña troñkun niyog, kontodu asientun niyog guaha ni maproduse ni mañainata antes. Mafa` titiyas ya mafuyot tochen guihan yan katne. Kontodu laña mauleg para lasas tautau. Dispues, estague` na palai lasas i mas paire segun i manbihan Japones ni man-

mañule` tatte giya siha un` tiempu.

Adahe na pairen katdu i hina`men katnen guaka yan babue pat guihan ni malechen niyog. Dispues, chage lumeche mames lemai, kamute, mendioka yan lasneg chodda. Tai parehu sabot yan sustansia.



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Special to the Saipan Tribune

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

It takes a lawsuit to act

It takes a lawsuit for Gov. Eloy Inos to act and to come to his senses. When the final amended stipulation and agreement of settlement was approved by the court on Sept. 30, 2013, Gov. Inos conducted his townhall meetings to convince retirees that this was the solution to his deliberate scheme to kill the NMI Retirement Fund defined benefit program and to diminish the retirees’ rightful pension. He was so determined in his pursuit to damage the lives of all retirees by creating his own ghost, perhaps in anticipation of Halloween, scaring retirees that “if they don’t want to join the settlement, there is nothing [he] can do. [He] cannot guarantee payment even if they decide to go to Finance to demand their checks. They are not going to get a check. They can’t. They won’t.”

Clearly, it is a big lie because the opt-out retirees got paid 75 percent of their Oct. 15th and 30th pension—even without the opt-out appropriation bill approved by the Legislature that he has not sign yet. He lied that there is nothing he can do. According to assistant attorney general Reena Patel, “Governor Inos directed the NMIRF to continue to pay the benefits moving forward,” to opt-out retirees. It took my lawsuit complaint and my preliminary injunction to force Gov. Inos to finally come to his senses that he cannot continue to ignore us 16 opt-out retirees because we are the one who refused to a revision of our benefits as protected by our NMI Constitution Article 3, Section 20. This is a 75-percent victory for us 16 retirees who opted out.

For the naysayers, e.g. American Lonewolf, SquidProQuo, Min-iakis, and daniel52, who hide behind their computers, now is a good time to heed former Gov. Fitial’s advice to drink milk. To set the record straight for these naysayers and perhaps for those who don’t understand the whole issue or are misinformed, our constitutionally protected retirement defined benefit program provides the employer-employee contribution formula for every pay period to automatically deduct the employee’s contribution directly from the

employee’s biweekly earnings and then to be remitted to the NMI retirement trust fund, along with the employer’s contribution. The program also stipulated that an employee could elect to retire upon completing a minimum of 20 years of government service. That is exactly what I did. I elected to retire after satisfying the minimum of 20 years of service. The NMI Retirement Fund, based on an actuarially sound formula, calculated my accrued benefits annual pension. Retirees’ annual pension is constitutionally protected and a right of retirees. Gov. Inos’ and the NMI Retirement Fund’s argument that since I received more than I contributed into the defined benefit program that I no longer have vested interest in the assets transferred to the Betty Johnson settlement fund is a desperate argument grasping for air. I will now heed former Gov. Fitial’s famous quote in vernacular and tell Gov. Inos and the NMI Retirement Fund “despensa yu`sa ti hu hasngun” na mu litirao yu.

As much as I want to “file a class action on behalf of others who haven’t been paid in full by the Fund...” as suggested by American Lonewolf, 16 opt-outs cannot form a class. If American Lonewolf is referring to the class member retirees in the Betty Johnson settlement fund, there is nothing I can do for them because they have agreed to a revision of their benefits. Let us all pray for the 9th Circuit Court to overturn the Betty Johnson settlement agreement for this may give a second chance to class members to opt out if they felt it was against their will that they became a class member.

Former governor Fitial prefers to mediate than to litigate and was labeled the least of two evils. “Gov. Eloy S. Inos stated that the opt-outs would have to get their own lawyers and file a claim against the government.” So Gov. Inos prefers to litigate than to mediate. I will label him the worse of two evils.

Jesus I. Taisague

Koblerville, Saipan

NMI government must pay its power bill

CUC needs to increase utility rate to enable payment of the fuel line improvements as required by the U.S. federal government. CUC needs to increase utility rate because there are no other options.

Why is this so? Why is CUC not able to fund the required improvement to its infrastructure? Is it due to mismanagement? We all know that we are now paying dearly for incompetent boards that ran the CUC in the past.

In addition, we have our government that is not paying its utility amounting to many, many million dollars. How then do we expect CUC to function? Every one of us is paying much more than we should due to the government not paying its utility bills.

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eral, he vastly intensified his investigations and fierce attacks on the mob and Jimmy Hoffa, their close ally. The momentum toward Dallas continued to build. Each of the three crime heads closely associated with plot theories (The Triumvirate), Giancana (present at Apalachin), Tampa’s Santo Trafficante (attended Apalachin) and New Orleans’ Carlos Marcello (represented at Apalachin) are reported as wanting either RFK or JFK, or both, killed.

The mob triumvirate had personal as well as business reasons to want to eliminate either or both of the Kennedys. For example, RFK was responsible for kidnapping Carlos Marcello (an illegal alien), eventually dumping him in a remote jungle in Honduras to fend for himself. JFK “stole” Giancana’s mistress. RFK tried to pin the Anastasia murder on Trafficante, who fled to Cuba for a time.

How much more would the princes of a parallel government take? Mob men had been working with CIA operatives to kill Fidel Castro.

On their own initiative, the mob put out a \$5 million hit on Castro, who had destroyed their business and gambling empires in Cuba. Why wouldn’t they take the lead in acting against the Kennedys?

Investigative writers such as Dan Moldea and David Kaiser spell out the plot nexus of mob, rogue CIA operatives and Cuban exiles. Authors Waldron and Hartman discuss how the mob hijacked the assassination conspiracy. In 2009 the Discovery Channel aired a two part series, “Did the Mob Kill Kennedy?” More work on the Mafia’s leadership role needs to be done. Sealed government documents must be opened.

However, when we connect the political ambitions of organized crime, as developed by the time of Apalachin, to their thwarting by Castro and their attempted eradication by RFK, we might reasonably conclude the mob led the conspiracy against JFK.

The triumvirate of mob princes had business, personal and political motives, along with the contacts and ability to do so.

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The Weather

5-Day Forecast for Saipan and Tinian

TODAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Mostly sunny with isolated showers. East winds around 10 mph.	Partly cloudy with isolated showers. East winds 10 to 15 mph.	Partly cloudy with isolated showers.	Partly cloudy with isolated showers.	Partly cloudy with isolated showers.
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Micronesia

Guam And Rota	Mostly Sunny	▲ 85 ▾ 78
Palau	Showers	▲ 87 ▾ 77
Yap	Partly Cloudy	▲ 89 ▾ 77
Chuuk	Showers	▲ 86 ▾ 79
Pohnpei	Partly Cloudy	▲ 86 ▾ 75
Kosrae	Partly Cloudy	▲ 86 ▾ 75
Majuro	Showers	▲ 84 ▾ 79

Around The Globe

Auckland	Cloudy	▲ 67 ▾ 54
Beijing	Sunny	▲ 57 ▾ 31
Hong Kong	Thundershowers	▲ 78 ▾ 71
Honolulu	Showers	▲ 82 ▾ 67
London	Showers	▲ 53 ▾ 38
Los Angeles	Sunny	▲ 77 ▾ 56
Manila	Partly Cloudy	▲ 85 ▾ 78
Melbourne	Showers	▲ 61 ▾ 49
Miami	Showers	▲ 83 ▾ 73
New York	Sunny	▲ 54 ▾ 36
Osaka	Partly Cloudy	▲ 57 ▾ 47
Paris	Showers	▲ 52 ▾ 42
Pusan	Sunny	▲ 60 ▾ 43
Rome	Partly Cloudy	▲ 65 ▾ 53
Salem	Partly Cloudy	▲ 59 ▾ 48
San Francisco	Mostly Cloudy	▲ 68 ▾ 55
Seoul	Mostly Sunny	▲ 51 ▾ 31
Tokyo	Partly Cloudy	▲ 52 ▾ 43
Washington, DC	Mostly Sunny	▲ 58 ▾ 38

Tides

Sunrise/Sunset

Moonrise/Moonset

Today	6:17 AM	5:45 PM	Today	1:50 PM	1:17 AM
Wednesday	6:18 AM	5:45 PM	Wednesday	2:33 PM	2:11 AM
Thursday	6:18 AM	5:44 PM	Thursday	3:16 PM	3:04 AM
Friday	6:19 AM	5:44 PM	Friday	4:00 PM	3:57 AM
Saturday	6:19 AM	5:44 PM	Saturday	4:44 PM	4:50 AM

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DEPARTURES

SAIPAN-GUAM (GUM)

UA5070	4:15am	5:05am	Daily
UA5068	8:40am	9:30am	Daily
UA5038	2:20pm	3:10pm	2, 3, 6
UA5078	6:05pm	6:55pm	Daily
UA5072	9:50pm	10:40pm	Daily

SAIPAN-ROTA (ROP)

UA5039	1:35pm	2:10pm	1, 4, 5, 7
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ROTA (ROP)-GUAM (GUM)

UA5039	2:40pm	3:10pm	1, 4, 5, 7
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SAIPAN-PALAU (ROR)

DL287	6:05am	11:25pm	2, 6 via NRT
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SAIPAN-NARITA (NRT)

DL287	6:05am	8:40am	1, 2, 4, 5, 6
DL297	4:30pm	7:20pm	Daily

SAIPAN-BUSAN (PUS)

OZ608	3:10am	6:20am	1, 4, 5, 7
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SAIPAN-SEOUL (ICN)

OZ606	2:10am	6:00am	1
D2102	2:20am	5:50am	3
OZ606	2:40am	6:30am	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7
DL203	7:30pm	10:00am+1	6
OZ605	7:40pm	1:00am+1	7
OZ605	8:10pm	1:30am+1	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6
OZ6053	9:10pm	2:30am+1	3, 6

SAIPAN-SHANGHAI (PVG)

3U8648	6:10am	8:40am	1, 4, 5, 7
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SHANGHAI (PVG)-SAIPAN

3U8647	10:40pm	5:00am+1	3, 4, 6, 7
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Nation

Calif. town putting roof over wounded GI's head

LANCASTER, Calif. (AP)—When Jerral Hancock came home from the Iraq war missing one arm, with another that barely worked and a paralyzed body that was burned all over, he was a hero to this Mojave Desert town that wears its military pride on its sleeve.

Soon he was being called upon to use his one remaining hand to cut ribbons and wave to people during parades. Then, after everyone had gone home, Hancock would too. That's where he would be forgotten by all but his two young children and his parents.

That was until the students in Jamie Goodreau's U.S. history classes learned how Hancock had once gotten stuck in his modest mobile home for half

a year—"like being in prison," he recalls—when his handicapped-accessible van broke down. Or how the hallways of his tiny house were so narrow he couldn't get his wheelchair through most of them.

They would fix that, Goodreau's students decided, by building Hancock a new home from the ground up. One that would be handicapped accessible. It would be their end-of-the-year project to honor veterans, something Goodreau's classes have chosen to do every year for the past 15 years, usually raising \$25,000 or \$30,000 for veterans charities and a celebratory dinner.

This time, however, the stakes would be much higher.

It's six months later now

and the students have closed escrow on a \$264,000 property. Blueprints have been drawn up for the new dwelling and the students plan to break ground next month.

"We had no doubt that it could be done," Lancaster High School senior Joseph Mallyon says with a smile as he sits in Goodreau's classroom on a recent afternoon with several of his fellow students. "Now there are some people in the community. You know, the older people, the people who have jobs, who go through life every day and know the harsh reality of things."

"Those people doubt us. But we just accept it and say, 'Watch what we can do.'"

After Goodreau's students shocked Lancaster and neigh-

boring Palmdale by raising \$80,000 in four months—mainly by holding yard sales, pizza nights and peddling things like T-shirts and refrigerator magnets—the whole community began to get involved.

Big box stores are offering discounts on building supplies. A construction contractor has volunteered to pitch in when the building begins. An architectural firm provided the blueprints. The real estate agent waived her commission. The credit union at nearby Edwards Air Force Base is kicking in money from new loans it writes.

Even the inmates at the local prison held a sale of their art work and donated the proceeds.

"It's really just amazing," says J.D. Kennedy, a local field

representative for Congressman Howard "Buck" McKeon.

An Iraq war veteran himself, Kennedy met Hancock after he learned the former Army specialist had been stuck in his home when the oversized van that accommodates his wheelchair broke down and he couldn't get the 70 miles to the nearest Veterans Affairs hospital to see a dentist to fix his teeth, which were rotting from the effects of the painkillers he must swallow each day.

Kennedy's boss, who chairs the House Armed Services Committee, pressed the VA to reimburse local doctors and dentists who agreed to treat Hancock whether they were paid or not. Then Goodreau, who met Hancock at the annual Pride of the

Nation Day, invited him to tell his story to her students.

He recounted it again on a recent desert-hot fall afternoon as he sat shirtless in his living room, making no effort to hide the burns that still scar his body. A prosthetic arm sat unused on a counter because, Hancock says with a grin, it's heavy and hard to use—and it looks even scarier than no arm at all.

Hancock was driving a tank through the streets of Baghdad on May 29, 2007, when the vehicle was hit by an improvised explosive device that blew a hole through its armor and set it ablaze. A chunk of shrapnel lodged in his spine, paralyzing his legs so that he couldn't get out. It happened on his 21st birthday.

2 high school students killed in party shooting

Atheist 'mega-churches' take root across US, world

LOS ANGELES (AP)—It looked like a typical Sunday morning at any mega-church. Hundreds packed in for more than an hour of rousing music, an inspirational sermon, a reading and some quiet reflection. The only thing missing was God.

Dozens of gatherings dubbed "atheist mega-churches" by supporters and detractors are springing up around the U.S. after finding success in Great Britain earlier this year. The movement fueled by social media and spearheaded by two prominent British comedians is no joke.

On Sunday, the inaugural Sunday Assembly in Los Angeles attracted more than 400 attendees, all bound by their belief in non-belief. Similar gatherings in San Diego, Nashville, New York and other U.S. cities have drawn hundreds of atheists seeking the camaraderie of a congregation without religion or ritual.

The founders, British duo Sanderson Jones and Pippa Evans, are currently on a tongue-in-cheek "40 Dates, 40 Nights" tour around the U.S. and Australia to drum up donations and help launch dozens of Sunday Assemblies. They hope to raise more than \$800,000 that will help athe-



Attendees sing a song at the Sunday Assembly, a godless congregation founded by British comedians Sanderson Jones and Pippa Evans, on Sunday, Nov. 10, 2013, in Los Angeles. AP

ists launch their pop-up congregations around the world.

They don't bash believers but want to find a new way to meet likeminded people, engage in the community and make their

presence more visible in a landscape dominated by faith.

Jones got the first inkling for the idea while leaving a Christmas carol concert six years ago.

"There was so much about it

that I loved, but it's a shame because at the heart of it, it's something I don't believe in," Jones said. "If you think about church, there's very little that's bad. It's singing awesome songs, hear-

ing interesting talks, thinking about improving yourself and helping other people—and doing that in a community with wonderful relationships. What part of that is not to like?"

Partygoer Shaniqua Brown—who said she heard about the party through Instagram, a photo-sharing app and website—told The Associated Press it "was not rowdy at all." She said she first heard gunshots in the house and they continued outside as people fled and sought cover.

Authorities have given varying accounts of the number of people injured, but they clarified Sunday that 20 were hurt, with 16 suffering gunshot wounds and four others varying injuries such as a fracture and twisted ankles in the panic to flee.

The two people killed, one an 18-year-old male and the other a 16-year-old female, were students at Cypress Springs High School, Garcia said.

Maine congressman: Coming out has been good

PORTRLAND, Maine (AP)—When the intensely private Rep. Mike Michaud laid bare his private life and announced he's gay, one openly gay congressman joked that the Maine Democrat had never registered on his "gaydar."

As he prepares to return to Capitol Hill this week as the seventh openly gay member of the U.S. House, Michaud said the decision to come out last week was a positive experience that drew support from fellow



Michaud

congressmen and hundreds of constituents—even if it was political nastiness that prompted his announcement.

"People know me as Mike. They know my issues are veteran issues, economic development, health care and

jobs, and nothing is going to change," he said.

Michaud, who's engaged in a three-way race for governor, used an op-ed provided to two newspapers and The Associated Press to disclose he's gay, saying he did so to address "whisper campaigns, insinuations and push-polls" that raised questions about his sexuality.

He said constituents have been supportive, with many finding his honesty refreshing.

Several members of Congress

including Democratic Reps. Joe Kennedy of Massachusetts and David Cicilline of Rhode Island have reached out to show support, as well.

Among them was Republican Rep. Jeff Miller of Florida, chairman of the Veterans Affairs Committee, who works closely with Michaud, the committee's ranking Democrat.

"Mike Michaud is my friend and colleague. He is a strong ally in advocating for veterans and his recent announcement

does nothing to change that," Miller said.

Before Michaud's announcement, there were six openly gay members of the U.S. House. Michaud's sexual orientation was as much a surprise to at least some of them as it was to Mainers.

Rep. Jared Polis, D-Colo., who is gay, tweeted in surprise after Michaud's announcement that "My (hash)gaydar missed it." He also reached out to lend support.

Asia

Typhoon survivors in Philippines struggle for aid

By JIM GOMEZ
ASSOCIATED PRESS

TACLOBAN, Philippines (AP)—Rescuers faced blocked roads and damaged airports on Monday as they raced to deliver desperately needed tents, food and medicines to the typhoon-devastated eastern Philippines where thousands are believed dead.

Three days after the Typhoon Haiyan ravaged the region, the full scale of the disaster—the biggest faced by the Philippines—was only now becoming apparent. International aid groups and the U.S. military were mobilizing a major international relief mission for a large swath of the country's already poor eastern seaboard.

The winds and the sea waves whipped up were so strong that they washed hulking ships inland, which now stood incongruously amid debris of buildings, trees, road signs and people's belongings.

Authorities estimated that up to 10,000 people may have died. But the government has been unable to give official death toll yet. Still, officials said after surveying the areas there is little doubt that the death toll will be that high, or even higher.

"In some cases the devastation has been total," said Secretary to the Cabinet Rene Almendras.

In Manila's Vilamor air force base, a contingent of U.S. Marines was preparing to fly in relief supplies in two C-130 transport planes to Tacloban, a city in Leyte province that was badly hit by the storm. From the air, the city resembled a garbage dump punctuated by a few concrete buildings that remained standing. Corpses hung from trees and were scattered on sidewalks. Many were buried in flattened buildings.

Survivors wandered through the remains of their flattened wooden homes looking to salvage belongings or to search for loved ones.

Very little assistance had reached the city, residents reported. Some took food, water and consumer goods from abandoned shops, malls and homes.

"This area has been totally ravaged," said Sébastien Sujobert, head of the International Committee of the Red Cross in Tacloban. "Many lives were lost, a huge number of people are missing, and basic services such as drinking water and electricity have been cut off," he said.

Haiyan hit the eastern seaboard of the Philippines on Friday and quickly barreled across its central islands, packing winds of 235 kph (147 mph) that gusted to 275 kph (170 mph), and a storm surge of 6 meters (20 feet).



A child stands on top a table in Tacloban city, Leyte province, central Philippines on Sunday, Nov. 10, 2013.

AP

RELIEF EFFORT BEGINS

The U.S. and other governments and agencies are mounting a major relief effort to help victims of the Philippine typhoon.

Brian Goldbeck, acting ambassador at the U.S. Embassy in Manila, issued a disaster declaration to provide an immediate \$100,000 for relief efforts. Officials from the U.S. Agency for International Development are deployed around the country to monitor the damage.

Other charities working to provide relief in the Philippines include:

UNITED NATIONS WORLD FOOD PROGRAMME

The United Nations World Food Programme said it has allocated \$2 million for the disaster response and officials joined an assessment mission to survey damage in Leyte and Samar provinces.

WFP said it will send more than 40 tons of high energy biscuits and work with the Filipino government to help with logistics and emergency communications systems. It asks for donations at <http://www.wfpusa.org> or by texting the word AID to 27722 to instantly donate \$10.

UNICEF

UNICEF said its staff in the Philippines is being repositioned to help in relief efforts and 66 tons of emergency supplies are being sent from Copenhagen. An airlift set to arrive on Tuesday will include water purification systems, storage equipment and sanitation supplies. Donations can be made to UNICEF at unicef.org/support.

RED CROSS

The American Red Cross said it has deployed two people to assist with assessments in the Philippines and activated its family tracing ser-

vices. It asked those who want to support relief efforts to mail a check to their local American Red Cross chapter, with "Philippines Typhoons and Flood" in the memo line. Go to redcross.org for local chapter information or redcross.org.ph to donate directly to the Philippine Red Cross.

CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICES

Catholic Relief Services is accepting donations on its website, emergencies.crs.org, as it begins moving supplies and staff to respond to the typhoon.

WORLD VISION

World Vision said it is putting together resources to assist 1.2 million people, including food, hygiene kits, emergency shelter and protection. It asked for one-time donations to be made at worldvision.org.

AMERICAN JEWISH JOINT DISTRIBUTION COMMITTEE

The American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee has begun collecting donations for relief efforts. To contribute, go to <http://www.jdc.org> or call 212-687-6200.

MERCY CORPS

Mercy Corps said it has launched emergency response efforts to provide food, water, shelter and basic supplies to typhoon survivors. To contribute, go to <http://www.mercycorps.org/typhoon> or call (800) 292-3355.

AMERICARES

Americares is preparing to deploy an emergency response team to the Philippines. To donate go to <http://americares.org> or call (800) 486-4357.

Even though authorities had evacuated some 800,000 people ahead of the typhoon, the death toll was so high because many evacuation centers—brick-and-mortar schools, churches and government buildings—could not withstand the winds and water surges. Officials said people who had huddled in these buildings drowned or were swept away.

It inflicted serious damage to at least six islands in the middle of the eastern seaboard, with Leyte, Samar and the northern part of Cebu appearing to bear the brunt of the storm. About 4 million people were affected by the storm, the national disaster agency said.

Video from Eastern Samar province's Guiuan township—the first area where the typhoon made landfall—also showed a trail of destruction similar to Tacloban. Many houses were flattened and roads were strewn with debris and uprooted trees. The ABS-CBN video showed several bodies on the street, covered with blankets.

"I have no house, I have no clothes. I don't know how I will restart my life, I am so confused," an unidentified woman said, crying. "I don't know what happened to us. We are appealing for help. Whoever has a good heart, I appeal to you—please help Guiuan."

The United Nations said it was sending supplies but ac-

cess to the worst hit areas was a challenge.

"Reaching the worst affected areas is very difficult, with limited access due to the damage caused by the typhoon to infrastructure and communications," said UNICEF Philippines Representative Tomoo Hozumi.

The storm's sustained winds weakened to 120 kph (74 mph) as the typhoon made landfall in northern Vietnam early Monday after crossing the South China Sea, according to the Hong Kong meteorological observatory. Authorities there evacuated hundreds of thousands of people, but there were no reports of significant damage or injuries.

It was downgraded to a tropical storm as it entered southern China later Monday, but weather officials forecast torrential rain over the coming 24 hours across southern China. Guangxi officials advised fishermen to stay onshore.

Reports were trickling in, indicating deaths elsewhere besides Leyte Island.

On Samar Island, Leo Da-caynos of the provincial disaster office said 300 people were confirmed dead in one town and another 2,000 were missing, with some towns yet to be reached by rescuers. He pleaded for food and water, adding that power was out and there was no cell-phone signal, making communication possible only by radio.



Survivors walk by a large ship after it was washed ashore by strong waves caused by powerful Typhoon Haiyan in Tacloban city, Leyte province, central Philippines on Sunday, Nov. 10, 2013.



Resident walks past damaged houses in Tacloban city, Leyte province, central Philippines on Sunday, Nov. 10, 2013.



This photo released by the Malacanang Photo Bureau, shows an aerial view of Tacloban city, Leyte province in central Philippines, after Typhoon Haiyan ravaged the region on Sunday, Nov. 10, 2013, in the Philippines.



A store owner aims his gun to prevent a mob of people who tried to storm his grocery in Tacloban city, Leyte province, central Philippines on Sunday, Nov. 10, 2013.

Reports from other affected islands indicated dozens, perhaps hundreds more deaths.

With communications still knocked out in many areas, it was unclear how authorities were arriving at their estimates of the number of people killed, and it will be days before the full extent of the storm is known.

With no aid reaching, people were seeing helping themselves to food and supplies from unattended shops and stores.

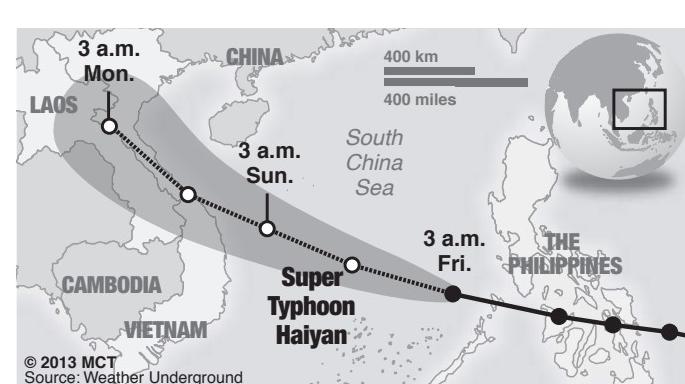
President Benigno Aquino III said he was considering declaring a state of emergency or martial law in Tacloban. A state of emergency usually includes

curfews, price and food supply controls, military or police checkpoints and increased security patrols.

Challenged to respond to a disaster of such magnitude, the Philippine government also accepted help from abroad.

U.S. Defense Secretary Chuck Hagel directed the Pacific Command to deploy ships and aircraft to support search-and-rescue operations and fly in emergency supplies.

Pope Francis led tens of thousands of people at the Vatican in prayer for the victims. The Philippines has the largest number of Catholics in Asia, and Filipi-



nos are one of Rome's biggest immigrant communities.

The Philippines, an archipelago nation of more than 7,000 islands, is annually buffeted by tropical storms and typhoons,

which are called hurricanes and cyclones elsewhere. The nation is in the northwestern Pacific, right in the path of the world's No. 1 typhoon generator, according to meteorologists. The

archipelago's exposed eastern seaboard often bears the brunt.

Even by the standards of the Philippines, however, Haiyan is a catastrophe of epic proportions and has shocked the impoverished and densely populated nation of 96 million people. Its winds were among the strongest ever recorded, and it appears to have killed more people than the previous deadliest Philippine storm, Thelma, in which about 5,100 people died in the central Philippines in 1991.

The country's deadliest disaster on record was the 1976 magnitude-7.9 earthquake that

triggered a tsunami in the Moro Gulf in the southern Philippines, killing 5,791 people.

Tacloban, in the east-central Philippines, is near the Red Beach on Leyte Island where U.S. Gen. Douglas MacArthur waded ashore in 1944 during World War II and fulfilled his famous pledge: "I shall return."

It was the first city liberated from the Japanese by U.S. and Filipino forces and served as the Philippines' temporary capital for several months. It is also the hometown of former Filipino first lady Imelda Marcos, whose nephew, Alfred Romualdez, is the city's mayor.

World

French out-tough US over Iran nuclear program

PARIS (AP)—When Iran appeared close to a preliminary deal with world powers over its nuclear program, France stepped up to say: Not so fast—a surprise move that exposed divisions among the United States and other Western negotiators who had long been in lockstep on the issue.

France, analysts say, was motivated by factors including its tough stand against the spread of nuclear weapons, skepticism about Tehran's trustworthiness, and the longstanding French tradition of speaking out on the world stage. Critics faulted France for alleged grandstanding and seeking closer ties with Iran's foes.

After the Geneva talks ended early Sunday with no deal, dip-

lomats including U.S. Secretary of State John Kerry said that progress was nonetheless made and negotiations will continue Nov. 20. He said the U.S. was "grateful" to the French and shared some of their concerns.

After the failure of European-led talks with Iran over the nuclear program in the mid-2000s—when America gave Iran the silent treatment—Paris has staked out a hard-line stance. While President Barack Obama has recently sought a breakthrough, France has little to gain politically from an accord, and that gives Paris a freer hand to stick to strategic and security concerns.

In Geneva, the U.S., Britain, Germany, Russia, China and top EU diplomat Catherine Ashton were looking for initial caps on

Iran's ability to make an atomic bomb, while Tehran sought some easing of sanctions stifling its economy. But French Foreign Minister Laurent Fabius broke the near-uniform silence of the diplomats during the talks by using French radio to express reservations about Iran's enrichment of uranium and prospects of producing plutonium.

"You know, the French are very irritating. When the Americans absolutely want to do something, the French have this terrible habit of somewhat disagreeing," said analyst Francois Heisbourg of the Foundation for Strategic Research think tank in Paris. "We actually have experience in dealing with the Iranians directly. There used to be negotiations between the Europeans (and the Ira-

nians) between 2003 and 2005."

"The Americans haven't spoken to the Iranians since 1979. And the Americans are telling us how it should be done," Heisbourg said. As for the Americans, "maybe they just want a deal—it happens all the time in history: People badly want a deal and end up by negotiating against themselves."

Kerry said the United States has "serious and capable" experts who have dealt with Iran for years.

"We are not blind, and I don't think we're stupid," he told NBC's Meet The Press on Sunday. "I think we have a pretty strong sense of how to measure whether or not we are acting in the interests in our country, and of the globe, and particularly of our allies, like Israel, and Gulf

states, and others in the region."

France has had deep ties to Iran over the years, notably striking business deals and hosting reformist former Iranian President Mohammad Khatami in the late 1990s—when the biggest sticking point was whether to serve wine at dinner. (It was not.)

France was a major partner of the shah, and also harbored Ayatollah Ruhollah Khomeini in exile before he returned home to lead the Islamic Revolution.

Today, the outspoken opposition group, the National Council of Resistance of Iran, has its base in the Paris suburbs.

The bite of sanctions against Iran in recent years has left dangling billions of dollars worth of French investment there, including from companies like oil giant

Total and car maker PSA Peugeot Citroen. Meanwhile, France has been cozying up to rich Gulf states such as Saudi Arabia, Iran's regional archrival.

This month, French President Francois Hollande travels to Israel. In his radio appearance, Fabius said that French officials have been in contact with Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu about the Geneva talks.

Criticism of France emerged on a Twitter account widely believed to have the approval of the office of Iran's Supreme Leader—Ayatollah Ali Khamenei. "(hash)French officials have been openly hostile towards the (hash)Iranian nation over the past few years; this is an imprudent and inept move," wrote (@khamenei_ir).

Foreigners, police clash in Saudi capital, 2 dead

RIYADH, Saudi Arabia (AP)—Thousands of African migrants residing illegally in Saudi Arabia's main city of Riyadh surrendered to police on Sunday, residents said, a day after two people were killed in violent clashes between Ethiopians and vigilante residents backed by police.

The clashes, which also injured 68, were the clearest sign yet of how rapidly a nationwide crackdown on millions of foreign workers in Saudi Arabia could spiral into chaos and instability in the tightly-controlled kingdom.

The sweeps and deportations appear to have broad backing by Saudis since it is aimed largely at creating more job opportunities for the kingdom's own citizens, who comprise less than half of the country's workforce.

The official Saudi news agency said police arrested 561 rioters who barricaded themselves in the narrow streets of Riyadh's Manhoufa neighborhood Saturday night. It said they threw stones, threatened people with knives and damaged more than 100 cars and many shops.

The agency described the rioters as "anonymous" without saying why they were rioting. It quoted Riyadh police spokesman Brig. Gen. Nasser al-Qahtani as saying a Saudi man and an unidentified person were killed by rioters, who were mostly foreign workers who did not have valid work permits and were facing deportation.

An Egyptian resident who has lived in Manhoufa for more than 30 years told The Associated Press that violence erupted when Ethiopian migrants wielding guns and sticks closed off busy streets and forced stores to close early in protest of the killing of an Ethiopian man by police last week during raids against foreigners. He said the Ethiopians also were protesting the new security sweep, which comes after seven months of warnings by Saudi authorities.

The resident spoke on condition of anonymity for fear of retribution from his neighbors and authorities. He said angry vigilante Saudi residents of Manhoufa fought and even detained some Ethiopians until police arrived more than two hours later. In other parts of the neighborhood, Ethiopians threw rocks at police cars trying to enter the area, he said.

Syria activists: Truce reached in blockaded town

BEIRUT (AP)—Government officials and rebels reached a deal to ease a weeks-long blockade on a rebel-held town near the Syrian capital on Sunday, allowing food to reach civilians there for the first time in weeks, activists said.

The truce is the latest to be struck in recent months between President Bashar Assad's government and disparate rebel groups in the country's more than 2 1/2-year-old conflict.

It comes as the main Western-backed Syrian opposition group was holding the second of two days of meetings in Istanbul to decide whether to attend a proposed peace conference the U.S. and Russia are trying to convene in Geneva by the end of this year.

The Syrian National Coalition has demanded Assad step down in any transitional government as a condition for participation in the talks. Syrian officials say Assad will stay in his post at least until his term ends in 2014 and that he may run for re-election.

Coalition spokesman Louay Safi said discussions were still ongoing Sunday night.

"There are people who are concerned and worried that not enough preparation has taken



This citizen journalism image provided by Aleppo Media Center AMC which has been authenticated based on its contents and other AP reporting, shows a Free Syrian Army fighter aiming his AK-47 as he takes his battle position, in Aleppo, Syria, Friday, Nov. 8, 2013.

place. And there are those who would like to make a decision but with some preparation," he told reporters in Istanbul.

According to a draft statement that the coalition officials say the group intends to vote on, the opposition in exile affirms its "readiness" to take part in

a transitional government, but one that has full powers, including executive powers.

A copy of the draft obtained by The Associated Press also said the coalition will consult with "revolutionary forces inside Syria, as well as Arab and international allies, to explain

the coalition's position and bolster unanimity over the coalition's decision."

The coalition is also expected to approve a list of cabinet of ministers presented by interim prime minister, Ahmad Toumeh, who was elected in September.

Olympic torch returns home from space station

MOSCOW (AP)—A Russian space capsule carrying the Sochi Olympic torch and three astronauts returned to Earth on Monday from the International Space Station in a flawless landing on the steppes of Kazakhstan.

The Soyuz capsule landed at 8:49 local time (0249 GMT), about three and a half hours after undocking from the station with Russian Fyodor Yurchikhin, American Karen Nyberg and Luca Parmitano of Italy aboard.

The unlit Olympic torch was brought to the ISS on Thursday when three new crew members arrived. Two Rus-

sian crew members took it on a spacewalk Saturday.

The capsule descended through brilliantly clear skies under a parachute.

Yurchikhin, the mission commander, was extracted from the capsule within about 10 minutes of touchdown and carried to a reclining chair, where he was put under a blanket against the minus-4 (25 F) chill and began adjusting to the pull of gravity after 166 days of weightlessness.

The torch, in a protective bag, was brought out and given to Yurchikhin to hold after it was unwrapped. He waved it a little

and smiled.

Nyberg was quickly given dark glasses to protect her eyes against the intense sunlight. Parmitano, the last out, appeared thrilled, grinning broadly and pumping his fists.

All three were to be taken for tests at a medical tent at the landing site, then flown to the city of Karaganda for a welcome ceremony.

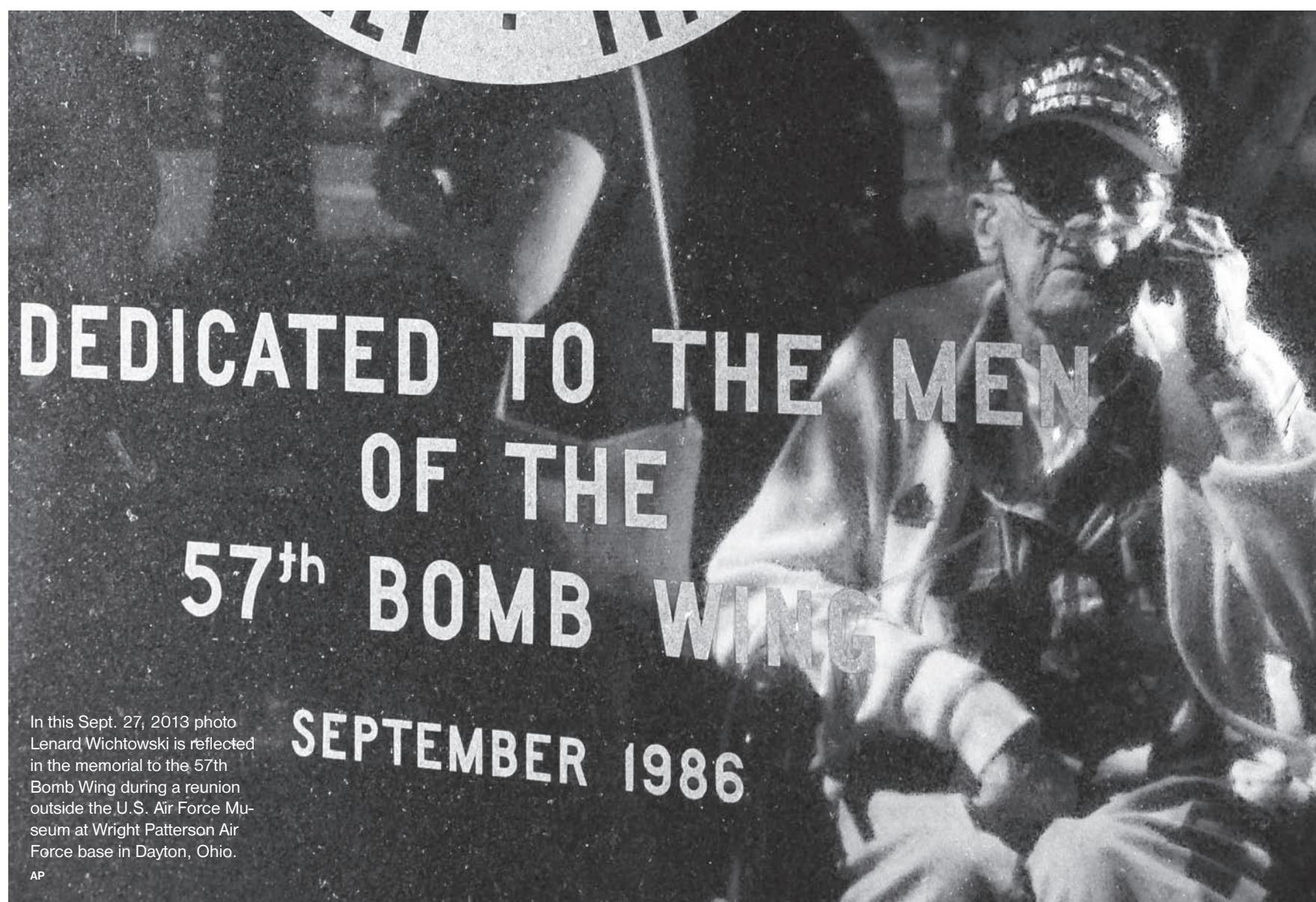
Six people remain aboard the space station: Russians Oleg Kotov, Sergei Ryazansky and Mikhail Tyurin; NASA's Michael Hopkins and Rick Mastracchio; and Koichi Wakata of Japan.



International Space Station (ISS) crew member Russian cosmonaut Fyodor Yurchikhin holds the torch of the 2014 Sochi Winter Olympic Games after Soyuz TMA-09M capsule carrying ISS crew of Yurchikhin, American Karen Nyberg and Luca Parmitano of Italy aboard landed in a remote area near the town of Zhezkazgan in central Kazakhstan Monday, Nov. 11, 2013.

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Focus



WWII reunions poignant for dwindling veterans

DAYTON, Ohio (AP)—Paul Young rarely talked about his service during World War II—about the B-25 bomber he piloted, about his 57 missions, about the dangers he faced or the fears he overcame.

"Some things you just don't talk about," he said.

But Susan Frymier had a hunch that if she could journey from Fort Wayne, Ind., with her 92-year-old dad for a reunion of his comrades in the 57th Bomb wing, he would open up.

She was right: On a private tour at the National Museum of the U.S. Air Force near Dayton, amid fellow veterans of flights over southern Europe and Germany, Young rattled off vivid details of his plane, crewmates, training and some of his most harrowing missions.

"Dad, you can't remember what you ate yesterday, but you remember everything about World War II," his daughter said, beaming.

When Young came home from the war, more than 70 years ago, there were 16 million veterans like him—young soldiers, sailors and Marines who returned to work, raise families, build lives. Over the decades,

children grew up, married, had children of their own; careers were built and faded into retirement; love affairs followed the path from the altar to the home-stead and often, sadly, to the graveyard.

Through it all, the veterans would occasionally get together to remember the greatest formative experience of their lives. But as the years wore on, there were fewer and fewer of them. According to the Department of Veteran Affairs, just a little over 1 million remain. The ones who remain are in their 80s and 90s, and many are infirm or fragile.

So the reunions, when they are held, are more sparsely attended—yearly reminders of the passing of the Greatest Generation.

■ When veterans of the Battle of the Bulge gathered in Kansas City this summer, only 40 came, according to organizers, down from 63 last year and 350 in 2004.

■ Of the 80 members of Doolittle's Raiders who set out on their daring attack on Japan in 1942, 73 survived. Seventy-one years later, only four remain; they decided this year's April reunion in Fort Walton Beach,

Fla., would be their last, though they met Saturday for a final toast in honor of those who have gone before them.

■ A half-century ago, when retired Army First Lt. Frank Towers went to his first reunion of the 30th Infantry Division—soldiers who landed at the beaches of Normandy and fought across France and Germany—he was surrounded by 1,000 other veterans.

"Now if I get 50, I'm lucky," said Towers, who is working on plans for a reunion next February in Savannah, Ga. "Age has taken its toll on us. A lot of our members have passed away, and many of them who are left are in health situations where they can't travel."

So why persist?

"It's a matter of camaraderie," Towers said. "We spent basically a year or more together through hell or high water. We became a band of brothers. We can relate to each other in ways we can't relate to (anyone else). You weren't there. These guys were there. They know the horrors we went through."

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As many as 11,000 people served in the 57th Bomb Wing

that flew missions over German-held Europe from North Africa and the island of Corsica during most of the war. Hundreds survive, according to wing historians and reunion organizers. Only nine veterans made it to this fall's event.

George Williams, 90, recalled earlier reunions with his comrades, "having a great time yukking it up and talking about things." No one else from his squadron came to this one.

"All of a sudden, it's lonesome," said Williams, a native of Visalia, Calif., who moved after his wife's death to Springfield, Mo., where his son lives. "All of the people you ran around with are on the wrong side of the grass. You wonder why you're so lucky."

But in a Holiday Inn hospitality suite with patriotic bunting, bowls of pretzels and chips with soft drinks at their tables, the stories flowed easily.

Williams remembered the tension of his first mission, his hand ready at the tag that would release him to bail out if necessary. It went without incident, and upon their return to base, a flight surgeon measured out two ounces of whiskey for each

crewman. "Sixty-nine to go," he said then, because 70 missions was considered the tour of duty. Sometimes on later missions, he would pour the two ounces into a beer bottle to save up for a night when he needed numbing.

Robert Crouse, of Clinton, Tenn., is 89 years old, but he remembers as if it happened yesterday the time a shell blew out the cockpit windshield ("you could stick your head through it"), disabling much of the control panel. Another plane escorted the bomber, its pilot calling out altitude and air speed as Crouse's plane limped back to base, riddled with holes.

Young recalled flying a damaged plane back to base, hearing his tail gunner's panicked yells as Plexiglass shattered over him. "You could feel the plane vibrate; you fly through the smoke, you smell the smoke and you hear the flak hitting the plane like hail on a tin roof."

Not all the memories are bad ones. There was the late-war mission when they hit a spaghetti factory instead of the intended target ("Spaghetti was flying everywhere," recalled Crouse, chuckling). There was Williams' first Thanksgiving

meal overseas: a Spam turkey, spiced and baked to perfection by an innovative cook.

"I still love Spam," he said.

Then there was R&R in Rome, hosted by the Red Cross. Young men not long removed from high school toured the Colosseum and other historic sites they had read about. They visited the Vatican; some met Pope Pius XII. Williams got a papal blessing of a rosary for his engineer's fiancee.

"It was pretty good," Williams said of his war experience, "except when they were shooting at us." ■ ■ ■

Some of the veterans fear that their service will be forgotten after they are gone. Crouse and others have written memoirs, and many of the reunion groups now have websites, magazines and other publications in which they recount their stories.

"You just hope that the young people appreciate it," said Young. "That it was very important, if you wanted to continue the freedom that we have."

Their children remember. Some are joining them at the reunions; others keep coming after their fathers are gone.

At this year's reunion, Bob Marino led a memorial service and read the names of 42 members of the 57th Bomb Wing who died in the past year. A bugler played "Taps."

Marino, 72, a retired IRS attorney and Air Force veteran from Basking Ridge, N.J., helped organize the gathering. His Brooklyn-native father, Capt. Benjamin Marino, died in 1967 and left numerous photos from the war, and Marino set about trying to identify and organize them. To learn more about his father's experiences, he corresponded with other veterans—including Joseph Heller, who was inspired by his wartime experiences with the 57th to write his classic novel "Catch-22."

"He never talked about any of this," Marino said, turning the pages on a massive scrapbook as veterans dropped by to look at the photos. "Once in a while, something came out. I wish I had sat down and talked to him about it."

This was precisely the gift Susan Frymier received at the reunion in Dayton.

She watched as the father who had long avoided talking about the war proudly pulled from his wallet a well-worn, black-and-white snapshot of the plane he piloted, nicknamed "Heaven Can Wait" with a scantily clad, shapely female painted near the cockpit.

She listened as he described German anti-aircraft artillery fire zeroing in on his plane. "I had to get out of there. All the flak ... they were awfully close." He described "red-lining" a landing, running the engines beyond safe speed. His voice suddenly choked.

"Oh, Dad!" said his daughter, and she hugged him tightly.

Environment

Mazda6 not content to sit back, look pretty

By LARRY PRINTZ
THE VIRGINIAN-PILOT

It's easy to be swayed by a pretty face in a new-car showroom. Even if buyers know that a car's true beauty is more than skin deep, style has a greater impact than they realize.

But build a car with great performance to match its stunning looks, and, most likely, you'll have a hit on your hands.

Which brings us to the 2014 Mazda6, which is beautiful not just for what you see, but for what you experience behind the wheel.

Let's start with what's most apparent: the styling. The Mazda6's gorgeous, graceful lines emanate from a new five-point grille and flow over the rounded roof, integrating smoothly into the rear deck. It's a marvelous piece of work that captures what Mazda calls its "Soul of Motion" design language.

By contrast, the interior seems rather pedestrian, as if stylists spent too much time creating the exterior.

The test car's cabin was all black, which did a good job of hiding the many hard plastic surfaces; anything a passenger touches is softly padded.

The instrument panel functions decently, but it does so with little flair. The automatic climate control takes up much

NUTS & BOLTS

2014 Mazda6:

- Engine: 2.5-liter DOHC four-cylinder
- Wheelbase: 111.4 inches
- Length: 191.5 inches
- Weight: 3,232 pounds
- Cargo space: 14.8 cubic feet
- EPA rating (city/highway): 28/40 mpg
- Fuel consumption: 33 mpg
- Fuel type: Regular
- Base price, base model: \$20,990
- Base price, test model: \$29,695
- As tested: \$32,845

more space than the screen controlling audio, navigation and phone. The screen itself is very small, and the software reacts slowly to inputs. And its small size makes navigation only somewhat useful.

But most buyers may find other matters more important.

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Life & Style

Lincoln: 'Walking Dead' battle scenes were 'epic'

ATLANTA (AP)—One of Andrew Lincoln's favorite moments from "Walking Dead" came during his first season on the show.

Here was the British actor, not far from the sites where Confederate soldiers clashed with Union forces in the Civil War, shooting his way through a foreboding urban landscape now overrun by murderous zombies known as "walkers."

"It was one of the greatest weekends of my career, you know," he said as his eyes lit up.

"We shut down four blocks of downtown Atlanta, and I get to ride into the city on a

Pakistani private schools ban Malala's book

ISLAMABAD (AP)—Pakistani education officials said Sunday that they have banned teenage activist Malala Yousafzai's book from private schools across the country, claiming it doesn't show enough respect for Islam and calling her a tool of the West.

Malala attracted global attention last year when the Taliban shot her in the head in northwest Pakistan for criticizing the group's interpretation of Islam, which limits girls' access to education. Her profile has risen steadily since then, and she released a memoir in October, "I Am Malala," that was co-written with British journalist Christina Lamb.

While Malala has become a hero to many across the world for opposing the Taliban and standing up for girls' education, conspiracy theories have flourished in Pakistan that her shooting was staged to create a hero for the West to embrace.

Adeeb Javedani, president of the All Pakistan Private Schools Management Association, said his group banned Malala's book from the libraries of its 40,000 affiliated schools and called on the government to bar it from school curriculums.

"Everything about Malala is now becoming clear," Javedani said. "To me, she is representing the West, not us."

Kashif Mirza, the chairman of the All Pakistan Private Schools Federation, said his group also has banned Malala's book in its affiliated schools.

Malala "was a role model for children, but this book has made her controversial," Mirza said. "Through this book, she became a tool in the hands of the Western powers."

He said the book did not show enough respect for Islam because it mentioned Prophet Muhammad's name without using the abbreviation PUH — "peace be upon him" — as is customary in many parts of the

horse," he said during a recent interview, at a hotel near where the scenes were filmed in the city's historic Fairlie-Poplar district. "It was epic."

Lincoln, 40, discussed the show and his career just after participating in a panel discussion at the inaugural Walker Stalker Convention that was inspired by the AMC show.

"There are certain roles that you jump up and down when you get the gig," he said, and playing Georgia sheriff's deputy Rick Grimes was most certainly one of them.

"I don't think I would have been cast in Europe as Rick Grimes, I just don't," said Lin-

Muslim world. He also said it spoke favorably of author Salman Rushdie, who angered many Muslims with his book "The Satanic Verses," and Ahmadis, members of a minority sect that have been declared non-Muslims under Pakistani law.

In her reference to Rushdie, Malala said in the book that her father saw "The Satanic Verses" as "offensive to Islam but believes strongly in the freedom of speech."

"First, let's read the book and then why not respond with our own book," the book quoted her father as saying.

Malala mentioned in the book that Pakistan's population of 180 million people includes more than 2 million Ahmadis, "who say they are Muslim though our government says they are not."

"Sadly those minority communities are often attacked," the book said, referring also to Pakistan's 2 million Christians.

The conspiracy theories around Malala reflect the level of influence that right-wing Islamists sympathetic to the Taliban have in Pakistan. They also reflect the poor state of education in Pakistan, where fewer than half the country's children ever complete a basic, primary education.

Millions of children attend private school throughout the country because of the poor state of the public system.

The Taliban blew up scores of schools and discouraged girls from getting an education when they took over the Swat Valley, where Malala lived, several years ago. The army staged a large ground offensive in Swat in 2009 that pushed many militants out of the valley, but periodic attacks still occur. The mastermind of the attack on Malala, Mullah Fazlullah, recently was appointed the new head of the Pakistani Taliban after the former chief was killed in a U.S. drone strike.



Andrew Lincoln, left, who plays Rick Grimes on the cable TV show "The Walking Dead," walks through Walker Stalker Con, a convention based off the show, with fellow cast member Sarah Wayne Callies, right, Saturday, Nov. 2, 2013, in Atlanta.

coln, who has done comedy and romantic roles in his native England, where he played law school grad Egg in the BBC series "This Life."

"I read the script, and I'd never read anything quite like it," he recalled during the panel discussion. "I get to wear boots and ride a horse and shoot people for a living? Count me in!"

It also comes at a time when several networks are investing heavily in dramas.

"This feels like there's a golden age of storytelling going on in TV at the moment," Lincoln said.

The economics of the television industry have allowed several networks to develop original dramas, said Jeffrey P. Jones, a faculty member at the University of Georgia and director of the Peabody Awards, which recognize excellence in electronic media.

"They are producing complex storytelling that is really wonderful narratives that people want to watch," Jones said. "It does seem like a golden age because you're getting not just four networks producing quality programming but lots and lots of networks."

Last month, "The Walking Dead" began its fourth season with its biggest audience ever. More than 16 million people watched the season's opening episode, which aired Oct. 13, Nielsen reported.

The show is filmed in and around the small town of Senoia, about 35 miles south of Atlanta. The show's story line also is set in Georgia, which meant that Lincoln had to learn how to sound Southern. When he got the part, he traveled to Georgia before other cast members to work with dialect coach Jessica Drake.

"She's amazing, she writes it phonetically, and it looks like gibberish," he said, adding that he would also ask Georgians to say certain phrases so that he would know what they sound like.

This season, Lincoln said his character will develop a new way of slaying zombies that doesn't involve guns or knives, though he won't divulge details. He also said he's come to admire Chandler Riggs, the young actor who plays the sheriff's son Carl on the show.

"Now it's time for me to learn from him," Lincoln said. "He's a serious actor, this kid."

Sacha Baron Cohen splices up newly televised awards

BEVERLY HILLS, Calif. (AP)—Now that the Britannia Awards are televised, viewers can see Sacha Baron Cohen knock an 87-year-old woman out of her wheelchair.

Cohen "accidentally" pushed the woman's wheelchair off a stage as he accepted an award for excellence in comedy during Saturday's ceremony at the Beverly Hilton Hotel. The stunt played perfectly into the newly televised show, which is set to air Sunday on BBC America.

The Britannia Awards come just two weeks after the refurbished Hollywood Film Awards drew some of the same celebrities, but there can never be enough Hollywood awards shows. Networks love the star power, stars adore the accolades and



Sacha Baron Cohen, left, pretends to fall on a presenter while accepting the "Charlie Chaplin Award for Excellence in Comedy" during the 2013 BAFTA Los Angeles Britannia Awards at the Beverly Hilton Hotel on Saturday, Nov. 9, 2013 in Beverly Hills, Calif.

fans delight in the spectacle.

"There are more than 35 Hollywood awards shows on prime-time TV," said Tom

O'Neil, founder and editor of awards website GoldDerby.com. "They're the ultimate reality show because we get to witness our cultural gods be winners and losers just like the rest of us."

The Britannia winners were announced in advance, but who doesn't want to see a barefoot Julia Roberts present an award to George Clooney, or watch filmmaker Judd Apatow playfully pick a fight with Sean Penn?

Besides Cohen and Clooney, Kathryn Bigelow, Idris Elba, Benedict Cumberbatch and Ben Kingsley accepted awards from the Los Angeles branch of the British Academy of Film and Television Arts.

The Britannia Awards were established in 1989 but the ceremony didn't make its TV

debut until last year. "One of my goals was to increase the talent profile of the channel, and awards shows are a natural way to do that," said BBC America general manager Perry Simon, who joined the network three years ago.

The ceremony was modified to make it more TV-friendly, he said, including "adding more spontaneity."

The night's party vibe also helps the show, he said: "These are entertainers who want to have fun and audiences want to see them have fun."

"When the setting is a banquet and liquor is being served, often the festivities get a little juiced up," O'Neil said. "The superstars ... are goofing off and goofing up and being chummy with each other."

Connecting with BAFTA members is another bonus: Many are also members of the motion picture academy, which hands out Hollywood's most coveted award, the Oscar.

Clooney on Philippine typhoon: 'Terrible'



BEVERLY HILLS, Calif. (AP)—The mounting death toll in the Philippines weighed heavily on the minds of George Clooney and Idris Elba, honored at the Britannia Awards Saturday night in Los Angeles.

Clooney said he was following the news about Typhoon Haiyan, which hit the eastern seaboard of the Philippines Friday. As many as 10,000 people

George Clooney arrives at the 2013 BAFTA Los Angeles Britannia Awards at the Beverly Hilton Hotel on Saturday, Nov. 9, 2013 in Beverly Hills, Calif.

AP

are believed dead in one Philippine city alone from one of the worst storms ever recorded.

"It's terrible," said Clooney on the red carpet. "And it's headed towards Vietnam and we'll see what happens there. It's a terrible disaster."

The "Gravity" actor said he believes celebrities will rally in support of those affected by the typhoon, as they did for earthquake-ravaged Haiti and New Orleans after Hurricane Katrina.

"We did the Golden Globes a week before we did the Haiti telethon and we were able to sort of rally some troops around

and we'll see what goes on from here and see what we're able to do. It's just happened a day ago so we're figuring it out," Clooney said.

The Academy Award winner added that while there is no way to know if global warming was responsible for the typhoon, denying the existence of climate change is "ridiculous."

"Well it's just a stupid argument," Clooney told reporters. "If you have 99 percent of doctors who tell you 'you are sick' and 1 percent that says 'you're fine,' you probably want to hang out with, check

it up with the 99. You know what I mean? The idea that we ignore that we are in some way involved in climate change is ridiculous. What's the worst thing that happens? We clean up the earth a little bit?"

Fellow honoree Elba echoed Clooney, calling on the "world community" to "pitch in" and "help as much as we can."

"I'm so, so upset about what's happened there. I mean it's such a tragic tragedy," Elba said. "My thoughts to all the people and people who have lost their homes and all the deaths."

'Thor: The Dark World' bashes box office with \$86M

Superheroes continue to defeat their foes at the box office.

Disney's "Thor: The Dark World," earning \$86.1 million, dominated the weekend box office as it opened domestically at No. 1, according to studio estimates Sunday.

Starring Chris Hemsworth, the Marvel superhero sequel earned \$109.4 million when it opened internationally last weekend and \$94 million internationally this weekend.

"It's an extraordinary thing," said Dave Hollis, executive vice president of distribution at Walt Disney Studios. "These guys at Marvel have been some of the most consistent when it comes to making movies and creating big events that drive a ton of people to the movie theater. They overdelivered on expectations."

However, some observers were expecting the weekend total to reach over \$100 million.

In limited theaters Thursday evening, "Thor: The Dark

World" brought in \$7.1 million overnight.

Surpassing the ticket sales of "Thor," which scored \$65.7 million when it opened in May of 2011, "Thor: The Dark World" marks a record for a Disney November opening, topping the \$70.5 million "The Incredibles" earned in 2004.

But, come Nov. 22, "The Hunger Games: Catching Fire" is predicted to take the No. 1 spot.

"We have a great little stretch of time prior to 'Hunger Games,'" Hollis said. "Yes, 'Hunger Games' will do a whole bunch of business, but that's not to say we don't expect to still be a relevant option for consumers that weekend and onto the Thanksgiving weekend that follows."

Paramount hidden-camera comedy "Jackass Presents: Bad Grandpa" held the second-place slot at the box office for the second weekend in a row, earning \$11.3 million during its third weekend, with a domestic total reaching more than \$78 million.

"Audiences can't get enough of these films," said box-office analyst Paul Dergarabedian of Rentrak. "They are like that guilty pleasure. It's completely unique compared to everything else out there."

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In this film publicity image released by Paramount Pictures, Chris Hemsworth, portraying superhero Thor, and Natalie Portman, portraying Jane Foster, are shown in a scene from the film, "Thor."

mated kiddie flick "Free Birds," soared into third place with \$11.2 million in its second weekend.

CBS Films' "Last Vegas," featuring an all-star cast including Michael Douglas, Robert De Niro, Morgan Freeman and Kevin Kline, took fourth place in its second weekend.

Last weekend's box office

champ, the sci-fi adaptation "Ender's Game," starring Harrison Ford, Asa Butterfield and Viola Davis, dropped to fifth place in its second weekend.

"Once 'Thor' opened, it presented a pretty healthy competitor to all of the movies in the marketplace," Dergarabedian said. "We're starting this pro-

cess of the holiday movie season, which dollar for dollar, is just as important as the summer movie season. In a seven- to eight-week period, we are talking about close to 20 percent of the total-year box office."

Expanding to 1,144 theaters in its fourth week, possible Oscar contender "12 Years a

1. **"Thor: The Dark World,"** \$86.1 million (\$94 million international).
2. **"Jackass Presents: Bad Grandpa,"** \$11.3 million (\$3.4 million international).
3. **"Free Birds,"** \$11.2 million (\$1 million international).
4. **"Last Vegas,"** \$11.1 million.
5. **"Ender's Game,"** \$10.2 million (\$4 million international).
6. **"Gravity,"** \$8.4 million (\$26.3 million international).
7. **"12 Years a Slave,"** \$6.6 million.
8. **"Captain Phillips,"** \$5.8 million (\$7.7 million international).
9. **"About Time,"** \$5.1 million (\$3.1 million international).
10. **"Cloudy with a Chance of Meatballs 2,"** \$2.8 million (\$7.7 million international).

Slave" brought in an impressive \$6.6 million over the weekend at No. 7.

In its first weekend "The Book Thief," starring Emily Watson, Geoffrey Rush and Sophie Nelisse, had a firm opening with \$27,000. It debuted in limited release in just four locations.

Robert Redford honored for contributions to Utah

SALT LAKE CITY (AP)—Utah's governor and other top officials have honored Robert Redford for his on-camera and off-camera contributions to the state as owner of the Sundance ski resort and founder of the Sundance Film Festival and Sundance Institute.

Some 500 people, including U.S. Sen. Orrin Hatch and Salt Lake City Mayor Ralph Becker, attended the Saturday night event billed as "The Governor's Salute to Robert Redford: A Utah Tribute to an American Icon."

Gov. Gary Herbert praised the 77-year-old Redford for his celebrated movie career. Some of Redford's movies, including "Butch Cassidy and the Sundance Kid" and "Jeremiah



Gov. Gary Herbert and his wife Jeanette present Robert Redford with the declaration that Nov. 9, 2013 is Robert Redford Day.

gala featured a Native American dance and invocation, singing by Tony-winning actress Audra McDonald and a video presen-

ther's passion for Utah, saying it has been passed down to the actor-director's children and grandchildren.

"The love he has for Utah is visceral, it's primal, and it's deeply personal," James Redford said. "We all live in different places, but Utah will always be our deep home."

Herbert said it was no easy task to get Redford to accept the recognition.

"I've been trying to do it for about three years," he said. "(He) likes his privacy so he's been a little reluctant to let us honor him, but I've been working hard and I think I wore him down."

Redford told the crowd, "I think it makes me shy, to be honest."

Miley Cyrus smokes a joint at MTV EMAs

AMSTERDAM (AP)—She couldn't resist. Singer Miley Cyrus smoked a joint on stage and twerked with a dwarf during the MTV EMAs on Sunday.

The 20-year old pop star also took home the Best Video award for her hit song "Wrecking Ball" during a show with a strong lineup of other performers including Eminem and Katy Perry.

Cyrus opened the space-themed show singing the song "We Can't Stop," while wearing a silver spandex suit and gyrating her buttocks in the move known as twerking in the general direction of her smaller female dance partner.

To the delight of the crowd in Amsterdam's Ziggo Dome, Cyrus finished the number by sticking out her tongue, the same expression she flashed repeatedly during her eyebrow-raising appearance at MTV's Video Music Awards in New York in August.

After winning the top award at the end of the show, she celebrated by demonstratively lighting up a large spliff and quickly taking a puff.

Marijuana is not legal in the Netherlands, but smokers can't be prosecuted for possessing small amounts and it is sold openly in cafes known euphemistically as "coffee shops."

Cyrus, who long ago shed her image of innocence as the child star of "Hannah Montana," has made no secret of her appreciation of Amsterdam's attractions, arriving the Friday before the show and hanging out at the Greenhouse coffee shop downtown with several other stars.

She also wore marijuana leaf emblems in her earphones during a live rendition of "Wrecking Ball" against the backdrop of a giant video screen of herself crying.

The EMAs traditionally focus on global, rather than U.S. pop music acts, though there's a lot of



Miley Cyrus performs at the 2013 MTV Europe Music Awards in Amsterdam, Netherlands, Sunday, Nov. 10, 2013. AP

Lady Gaga unveils 'flying dress' at NY album party

NEW YORK (AP)—Lady Gaga's album sales are already stratospheric, so why not her evening wear?

The "Applause" singer unveiled a high-tech, white vehicle she calls the world's first flying dress. The contraption lifted her

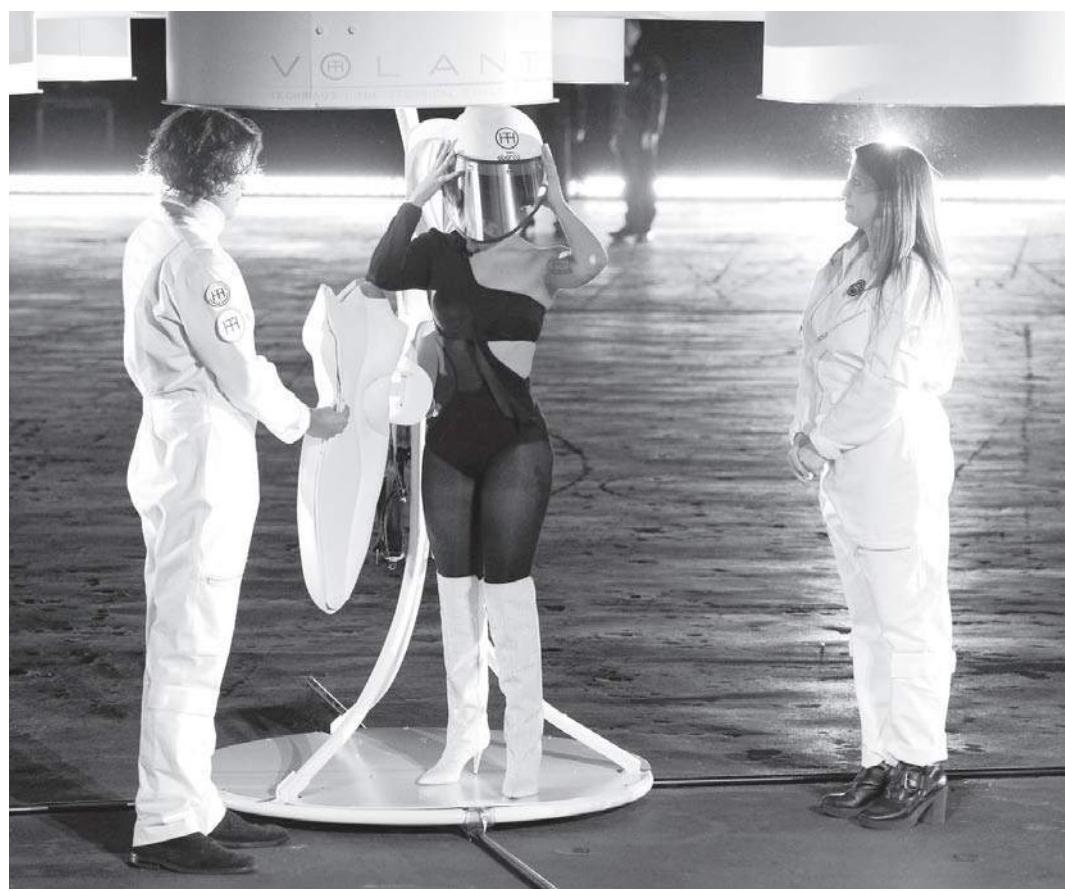
inside a mammoth building in New York City, where she held a launch party for her new album Sunday.

The 27-year-old New York entertainer said this was "maybe a small step for Volantis"—as she calls the battery-powered metal

dress—but "a big-time step" for Lady Gaga.

She says her ultimate goal is to stage the first musical performance from space.

Her third studio album, "Art-pop," will be released worldwide Monday.



Lady Gaga demonstrates the Volantis transport prototype "flying dress" designed by TechHaus - Studio XO during the ARTPOP album release and artRave event at the Brooklyn Navy Yard on Sunday, Nov. 10, 2013 in New York City. AP

overlap: winners included Bruno Mars, who grabbed Best Song for "Locked Out of Heaven," and Eminem both in the Best Hip Hop and Global Icon category.

The "intergalactic"-themed show is scheduled to be rebroadcast in the U.S. later Sunday.

Another notable winner was Katy Perry for Best Female Artist. Perry, apparently caught by surprise at her win, spit out a sip of champagne and took the stage to thank her fans.

During Perry's performance earlier, she hung suspended by wires as green lasers reflected off her mirrored outfit during a rendition of "Unconditional."

Eminem, who has just released his first album in several years, appeared to have lost none of his rapping skill as he performed "Rap God," spitting out words at a blistering pace.

He was handed his Global Icon honor by "Anchorman" character "Ron Burgundy" (actor Will Ferrell), who informed him that Dutch DJ Afrojack had been insulting him behind his back.

"Who?" Eminem deadpanned.

PBS' 'Downton Abbey' to return for a 5th season

NEW YORK (AP)—"Downton Abbey" will return for a fourth season in January, but now PBS is announcing the series will be back for at least one more after that.

"Masterpiece" executive producer Rebecca Eaton says Downton fans can "rest easy knowing that a fifth season is on the way."

The celebrated British costume drama focusing on the elite Crawley family will air its fourth season on "Masterpiece" beginning Jan. 5. Michelle Dockery, Hugh Bonneville, Elizabeth McGovern and Jim Carter are among its stars.

Earlier this year, more than 24 million viewers watched the third season of the series in the U.S., making it the most-watched drama in PBS history.

1,000 'screamers' wait for MTV red carpet stars

AMSTERDAM (AP)—More than a thousand "screamers"—overwhelmingly young female music fans—have lined up on the edges of an arrivals hall to catch sight of their favorite stars ahead of the MTV EMAs.

Although the women were ushered to the edges of a red carpet through doors reading "Screamers' Entrance," their presence at the awards show is not entirely scripted.

Stephanie Strougo, a Brazilian-Dutch teenager, says auditions were held for two days in Amsterdam to win a slot. She says she had to pass a 30-second singing test "to prove my love of music."

Sunday's lineup includes performances by Miley Cyrus, Katy Perry and Bruno Mars. Strougo says she is most excited to see British singer-songwriter Rita Ora.

Longtime gay couple may be better off not marrying

By ABIGAIL VAN BUREN
UNIVERSAL PRESS SYNDICATE



Dear Abby

DEAR ABBY: I have been with my partner, "Harold," for 11 years. After gay marriage passed here in Minnesota, Harold told me he didn't want to marry me because of my credit rating. I find this insulting and humiliating. Worse, the day marriage equality passed, we were with some friends of mine, and he bluntly told them, "I don't want to marry him because of his FICO score!" It was very embarrassing.

I have also learned that Harold has been telling anyone he knows some of my private information. What can I say to him to get him to stop revealing things about me to people we don't know well? I have asked him plenty of times not to mention my private life to others, but he still brings up information I'd prefer others not know.

Should I end the relationship? I think in some way if I do, that I'll be better off without him. But after 11 years and all that he's done for me, I'd feel really sad. I'd appreciate any advice you give me.

FRUSTRATED IN MINNEAPOLIS

DEAR FRUSTRATED: I agree that after all these years you have much time and emotion invested in your relationship with Harold. Although I'm sure he has many virtues, sensitivity and discretion do not appear to be among them. It would be interesting to know if Harold would be willing to marry you if your FICO score improved, or if he's using it as an excuse because he doesn't want a legal commitment.

Even if the two of you did marry, you would still have a partner who lacks discretion about what should be private. If this is important to you, Harold may not be the spouse for you because he isn't likely to change.

Couples counseling could help you decide what to do next. Inquire at your nearest gay and lesbian community center about any seminars it offers for longtime couples on this important subject. Just because people CAN marry doesn't necessarily mean they should.

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DEAR ABBY: Our son recently came to us and confessed that three years ago he'd had an affair with a married woman who had two children. He ran into her recently, and she told him she now has three children, and the most recent one—age 3—is his daughter. She's still married to the man she cheated on, and our son says he's still in love with her.

We told our son that because she says the child is his doesn't necessarily mean it is, and if her husband didn't question the pregnancy, it's possible the child is her husband's. We advised our son to get a paternity test.

Our son is now so angry with us for suggesting it that he won't speak to us. He said if we can't support him and the woman he loves, we should stay out of his life. He said she plans to leave her husband. (It has been three weeks and she's still there.) I think she was just trying to get our son's attention.

Was our suggestion unreasonable? We don't support this kind of behavior or their lack of morals. The woman's husband is the only dad this little girl knows, and he thinks she's his child. Our son needs to know if this is his daughter. What a mess! What do we do next?

ON THE OUTS IN CALIFORNIA

DEAR ON THE OUTS: Your suggestion to your son was not only reasonable, it was the same clearheaded advice he would have received from an attorney. What you do next is ... nothing, except letting him know you're there for him if he needs you. This is your son's affair, literally, and he is going to have to deal with whatever consequences are the result.

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Yesterday's answer 11-12

CELEBRITIES BORN ON THIS DAY: Anne Hathaway, 31; Ryan Gosling, 33; Megan Mullally, 55; Neil Young, 68.

Happy Birthday: Socialize and get involved in activities and events that will encourage you to try new things and meet new people. Developing ideas and learning about the things you want to pursue will increase your options for growth. Don't sit back and let others take over, or wait for slowpokes. Live in the present and follow your dreams. Your numbers are 6, 14, 20, 28, 35, 41, 44.

ARIES (March 21-April 19): A colleague will offer false hope. Do not make promises or rely on others to do things for you. Take on what you know you can complete and do it well. Be observant and ready to make last minute alterations if necessary. ★★★

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Share your thoughts and opinions and work alongside your colleagues or friends. You will accomplish your goals, as well as build a close relationship that will develop into an experience that will change your life. Positive thought brings positive action. ★★★★

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Get your work out of the way and future projects organized and ready to go. Haggling will lead to complaints. Don't let an emotional situation stand in the way of progress. Let go of the past; live in the present. ★★

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Express your feelings and enjoy life, good friends and family. Plan events and do your best to help others. Your feel-good attitude will bring a pos-

itive response from someone you want to please. Your attributes will help you advance. ★★★★★

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Emotions can cause you to do something out of the ordinary. Being flamboyant or ultra generous in order to impress someone will be fruitless. Use your good work ethic and ability to get things done to attract attention. ★★★

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Spend time with people who are dependent on you and you'll find a way to eliminate some of the burden you carry. Your ability to influence others will put you in a good position and buy you a pass to greater freedom. ★★★

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Avoid letting a little problem accelerate. Facing whatever comes your way without going overboard is required. A troubled relationship needs to be addressed before it causes unwanted changes. Know what your alternatives are and do what needs to be done. ★★★

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Social events will connect you to someone special. Learn from every encounter you make. Ask questions and use what you learn to better who you are or what you do. Buy something that will contribute to your happiness. Romance is highlighted. ★★★★★

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Keep your feelings locked away until you have all the information required to make a sensible decision. Someone isn't telling you the truth, or is asking for too much. Make changes to your home or living situation that will

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AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Listen to what's being said, but don't commit to anything. Clear your head. A change may be required, but it has to be on your terms and when you are ready. Take the first step, but do it your way. ★★★

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Conceptis Sudoku

By Dave Green

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Difficulty Level ★★

Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Conceptis Sudoku increases from Monday to Saturday.

Yesterday's SUDOKU Answer

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8	3	1	6	2	7	4	9	5
9	6	5	4	8	3	1	2	7

Difficulty Level ★★★

WONDERWORD

By DAVID OUELLET

HOW TO PLAY: All the words listed below appear in the puzzle — horizontally, vertically, diagonally, even backward. Find them and CIRCLE THEM ONLY. DO NOT CIRCLE THE WORD. The leftover letters spell the Wonderword.

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Solution: 7 letters

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Jaguars end skid, beat Titans 29-27 for 1st win



NASHVILLE, Tennessee (AP)—Maurice Jones-Drew and Jordan Todman each ran for a touchdown as the Jacksonville Jaguars held off the Tennessee Titans 29-27 Sunday.

The Jaguars (1-8) scored the most points in a game this season for first-year coach Gus Bradley. They never trailed and forced four turnovers they turned into 17 points.

The Titans scored twice in the final 4:15, the last on a 14-yard TD pass by Ryan Fitzpatrick to Delanie Walker with 40 seconds left. But Johnathan Cyprien recovered the onside kick to seal the victory, leaving Tampa Bay as the only winless team. The Buccaneers host Miami on Monday night.

On a day the Titans (4-5) held a moment of silence for late owner Bud Adams, they lost quarterback Jake Locker to an injured right foot that had him on crutches and in a walking boot in the second half.

Ravens 20, Bengals 17, OT

In Baltimore, Justin Tucker kicked a 46-yard field goal with 5:27 left in overtime as the Ravens won after blowing a 17-point halftime lead and giving up a touchdown on the final play of regulation.

The tense victory ended a three-game skid for the Ravens (4-5) and thrust them into a second-place tie in the division, just one game behind Cincinnati (6-4) in the loss column. It was the defending Super Bowl champions' first victory since Oct. 6.

The Bengals have lost two straight in overtime.

Cincinnati pulled even when A.J. Green caught a desperation pass from Andy Dalton for a 51-yard touchdown. Green positioned himself behind the pack and caught the ball after it flicked off the hand of Ravens safety James Ihedigbo, who earlier had the first two interceptions of his career.

Saints 49, Cowboys 17

In New Orleans, Drew Brees completed 34 of 41 passes for 392 yards and four touchdowns as New Orleans beat Dallas.

The Saints (7-2) had an NFL-record 40 first downs and a franchise-record 625 total yards.

Brees connected with Kenny Stills on a 52-yard touchdown pass, with Marques Colston on a 22-yard scoring strike, with running back Pierre Thomas for a 1-yard score and with running back Darren Sproles for a 28-yard score with 5 seconds left in the first half.

Sproles also had a 3-yard touchdown run, and Mark Ingram added a 4-yard scoring run en route to a career-high 145 yards rushing.

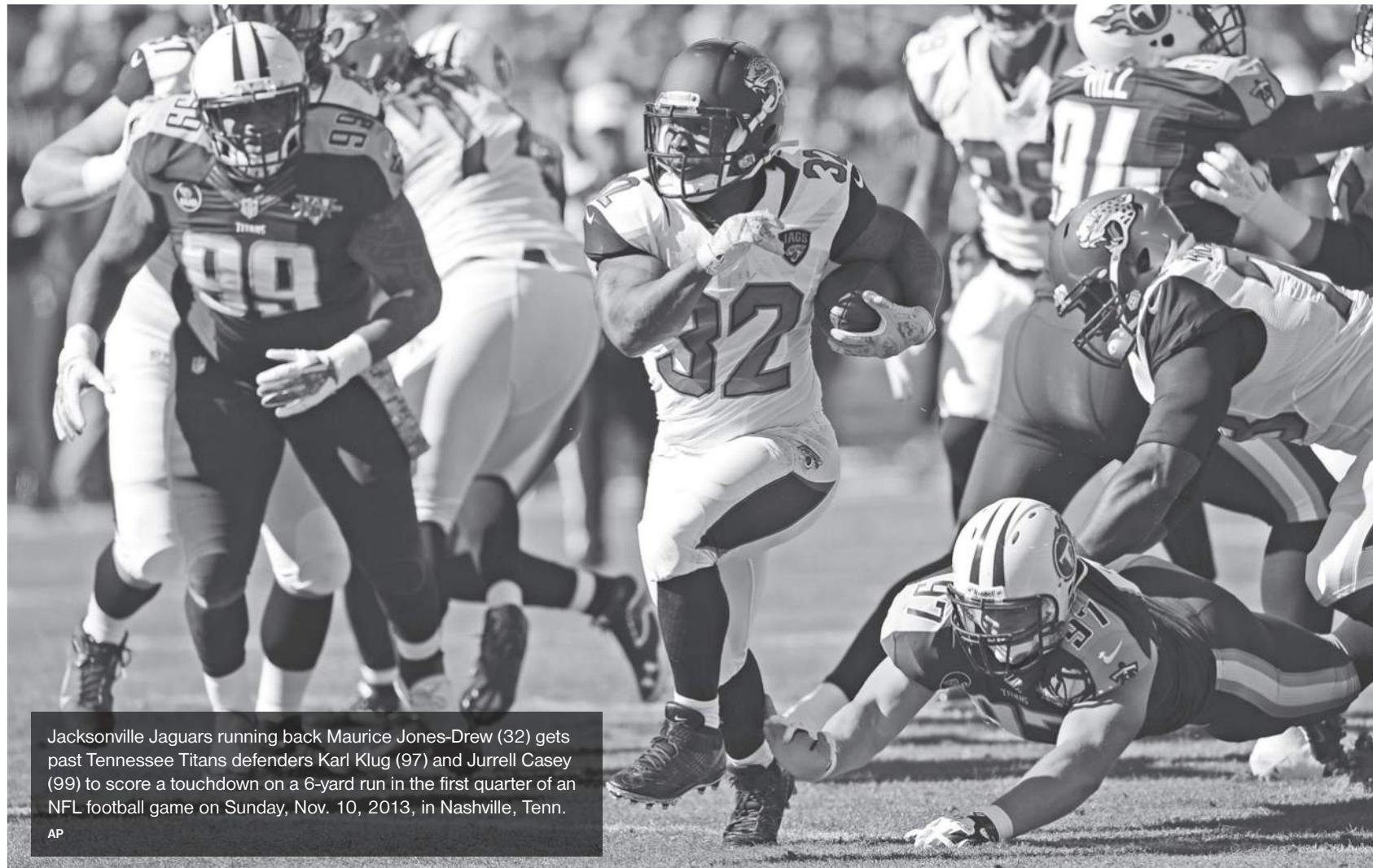
DeMarco Murray had 89 yards rushing on 16 carries and a touchdown for Dallas (5-5) early in the second quarter. The Cowboys did not score again until Tony Romo's 21-yard touchdown pass to Terrance Williams in the last minute of the third quarter.

Panthers 10, 49ers 9

In San Francisco, Drayton Florence's interception in the final minute sealed victory for Carolina to snap the San Francisco 49ers' five-game winning streak and give the Panthers their fifth straight win.

Graham Gano kicked a 53-yard field goal with 10:05 remaining that held up as the Panthers (6-3) twice shut down Colin Kaepernick on last-ditch drives with swarming defense.

DeAngelo Williams broke two tack-



les for a 27-yard touchdown run late in the first half that pulled Carolina within 9-7. Gano missed wide left on a 48-yard field goal in the third period, but came through later.

San Francisco (6-3) got the ball back with 5:25 left at its 1, then again with 1:02 to go.

Phil Dawson kicked a season-best 52-yard field goal among his three for the 49ers, who lost tight end Vernon Davis and rookie safety Eric Reid to concussions.

Broncos 28, Chargers 20

In San Diego, Peyton Manning threw for 330 yards and four touchdowns, three to Demaryius Thomas, as he efficiently led the Broncos in their first game since coach John Fox had heart surgery.

Fox, who was released from the hospital Friday, planned to watch the game on TV at his offseason home in Charlotte, North Carolina, a team spokesman said.

With interim coach Jack Del Rio in charge, Manning kept the Broncos (8-1) rolling. He threw touchdown passes of 11, 7 and 34 yards to Thomas on consecutive drives spanning the second and third quarters.

Julius Thomas had a 74-yard catch-and-run on Denver's first drive.

The Broncos' scoring drives lasted 57 seconds; 2 minutes, 27 seconds; 1:25; and 3:26.

Manning has thrown for 3,249 yards and 33 touchdowns in nine games. San Diego fell to 4-5.

Cardinals 27, Texans 24

In Glendale, Arizona, Carson Palmer threw two touchdown passes as the Cardinals sent the Texans to their franchise-record seventh consecutive loss.

The Texans (2-7) were without coach Gary Kubiak, who collapsed on the sidelines against Indianapolis last Sunday night with what was diagnosed as a mini-stroke. Defensive coordinator Wade Phillips is filling in as interim coach.

Arizona (5-4) scored on the game's first play when John Abraham knocked

the ball out of Case Keenum's arm and Matt Shaughnessy returned it 6 yards for a touchdown.

Keenum threw three touchdown passes, two on remarkable catches by Andre Johnson.

J.J. Watt forced two fumbles, recovering both for Houston. The second one set up Johnson's 5-yard TD catch that cut the lead to three with 4:34 to play.

Lions 21, Bears 19

In Chicago, Calvin Johnson had two second-half touchdown receptions and Reggie Bush rushed for 105 yards as the Lions took over first place in the NFC North.

Johnson broke Herman Moore's franchise record with his 63rd career touchdown reception with 2:22 to go, giving the Lions a 21-13 lead with a 14-yard grab. He also had a tiebreaking 4-yard TD reception on the first drive in the third quarter.

Bush had 89 yards on the ground in the second half as Detroit (6-3) swept the season series against Chicago (5-4).

Jay Cutler threw for 250 yards and a touchdown in his first action since he injured his groin last month. He looked progressively worse as the game wore on and departed before the Bears' final drive with what the team said was an ankle injury.

Seahawks 33, Falcons 10

In Atlanta, Russell Wilson threw a pair of touchdown passes and Marshawn Lynch ran for 145 yards in a one-sided follow-up to last season's NFC divisional playoffs.

After struggling for victories the last two weeks, the first-place Seahawks (9-1) blew out a team that not so long ago was talking Super Bowl, but now is just two defeats away from its first losing season since 2007.

The Falcons (2-7) trailed 23-3 at the half after the Seahawks scored a touchdown with 1 second remaining—a complete reversal of their postseason game last January.

Atlanta led 20-0 in that one after two

quarters and was still up by 20 early in the fourth. Wilson led what appeared to be a historic comeback, putting the Seahawks ahead 28-27 with less than a minute remaining. The Falcons bounced back with two long passes and Matt Bryant's field goal for a 30-28 victory that sent Atlanta to the NFC championship game.

This one was totally devoid of drama.

Rams 38, Colts 8

In Indianapolis, Tavon Austin returned one punt 98 yards for a touchdown, caught TD passes of 57 and 81 yards and almost single-handedly ended the Rams' three-game losing streak.

The touchdown catches were the only receptions Austin had on his biggest day of the season, and St. Louis (4-6) won for the first time since Kellen Clemens replaced the injured Sam Bradford.

It was the Colts' worst loss since a 55-point thrashing at New Orleans in 2011. Indy (6-3) fell for the second time at home this season and only the third time in coach Chuck Pagano's career.

Robert Mathis had two sacks for the Colts, giving him a 13-1-2.

Eagles 27, Packers 13

In Green Bay, Wisconsin, a week after equaling the NFL record by passing for seven TDs, Nick Foles connected for three long touchdowns against the injury-ravaged Packers.

Foles connected with DeSean Jackson for a 55-yard score in the first half. Touchdown passes to Riley Cooper from 45 and 32 yards highlighted a 17-point second half for the up-tempo Eagles.

The Eagles, the NFL's road warriors, improved to 5-5, with all their victories coming away from Philly.

Philadelphia handed Green Bay its first back-to-back home losses since 2008, Rodgers' first season as the starter. It was the worst home loss for the Packers since falling 38-10 to the New York Jets on Dec. 3, 2006.

Already without franchise quarterback Aaron Rodgers because of a left collarbone injury, the Packers (5-4) lost backup Seneca Wallace to a groin injury.

Giants 24, Raiders 20

In East Rutherford, New Jersey, Terrell Thomas returned an interception 65 yards to set up a go-ahead 1-yard touchdown run by fellow comebacker Andre Brown as the Giants won their third straight game.

The error-prone Giants (3-6) handed the Raiders (3-6) their first 17 points on first-half turnovers. But they got 115 yards rushing by Brown in his first game this season—he's had two broken left legs the last two years—and another big defensive game to keep their season alive.

Despite throwing another pick-6, Eli Manning threw a 5-yard touchdown pass to Rueben Randle, and Cooper Taylor scored on a 21-yard return with a blocked punt. Josh Brown added a field goal.

Terrelle Pryor scored on 1-yard run and Tracy Porter on a 43-yard interception return for Oakland. Sebastian Janikowski kicked two field goals.

Steelers 23, Bills 10

In Pittsburgh, Pittsburgh shut down rookie quarterback E.J. Manuel in his return.

A week after giving up 610 yards and 55 points in a loss to New England, Pittsburgh held the Bills (3-7) to 227 total yards, more than one-third coming on a meaningless drive in the final minutes.

Manuel completed 22 of 39 passes for 155 yards with a touchdown and an interception. The Steelers limited Buffalo to 95 yards rushing, nearly 50 below its average, and sacked Manuel three times.

Ben Roethlisberger passed for 204 yards and a touchdown, Le'Veon Bell added 52 yards rushing and a score as the Steelers (3-6) snapped a two-game losing streak.

Durant scores 33, Thunder beat Wizards in OT



OKLAHOMA CITY (AP)—Kevin Durant scored 33 points, including a tying 3 late in regulation and the go-ahead foul shots in overtime that sent the Oklahoma City Thunder past the Washington Wizards 106-105 on Sunday night.

John Wall missed a driving layup attempt at the buzzer for Washington, which was seeking its third straight win. Bradley Beal scored a career-high 34 points for the Wizards.

Oklahoma City trailed 92-82 with 3:26 left with the fourth quarter, but went on a 14-4 run. Durant capped the burst with a straightaway 3-pointer with 13.6 seconds left.

Beal missed a running 12-footer at the buzzer while being closely guarded by Serge Ibaka.

In overtime, Durant blocked a shot by Wall and streaked toward the other basket. He made both free throws for a 106-105 lead with 40.7 seconds left.

Washington's Martell Webster missed a 3-point attempt and Reggie Jackson rebounded for the Thunder. Jackson eventually drove the lane and passed to Jeremy Lamb, who missed a 3-point attempt with 4 seconds left, giving the Wizards a final chance.

Wall inbounded to Marcin Gortat, who tossed the ball back to him. Wall drove to the basket, but two Thunder defenders forced him to take an awkward shot.

Beal kept the Wizards ahead early by shooting 6-for-8 on 3-pointers.

Ibaka had 25 points and 12 rebounds for the Thunder, which overcame a 12-point fourth-quarter deficit for the first time since the franchise moved to Oklahoma City.

Oklahoma City overcame a 4-of-16 shooting performance by All-Star guard Russell Westbrook, who scored 13 points.

Westbrook and Washington's Nene were involved in an altercation with 3:19 left. Westbrook was called for a charging foul for running over Al Harrington.

Nene shoved Westbrook while attempting to help up Harrington, and the Thunder star pushed back. A dou-



Washington Wizards guard Bradley Beal (3) shoots over Oklahoma City Thunder forward Perry Jones (3) in the first quarter of an NBA basketball game in Oklahoma City, Sunday, Nov. 10, 2013. AP

McGee out indefinitely with fractured tibia

DENVER (AP)—Nuggets starting center JaVale McGee is out indefinitely with a stress fracture in his lower left leg.

Team spokesman Tim Gelt said X-rays revealed the stress fracture in McGee's left tibia on Sunday.

ble technical was called—the second of the game on Westbrook and Nene—and both players were ejected.

Washington led for most of the second half. The Wizards were up 83-71 after a dunk by Webster with 8:03 left.

McGee has been chronically bothered by soreness in the tibia, the inner and typically larger of the two bones between the knee and the ankle.

Timofey Mosgov figures to get his first start of the season in McGee's

place when the Nuggets play at Utah on Monday night. J.J. Hickson also could see his minutes increased in McGee's absence.

The Nuggets are off to a 1-4 start under new coach Brian Shaw, who replaced George Karl last summer.

But they scored only two baskets in the final three minutes, allowing Oklahoma City back in the game.

27 points, Kevin Love had 18 of his 25 points during Minnesota's 47-point first quarter as the Timberwolves snapped a 22-game losing streak against the Los Angeles Lakers.

Ricky Rubio had 12 points, 14 as-

Timberwolves 113, Lakers 90
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Martin? The NFL will investigate the role of coach Joe Philbin, his staff and Miami management in the case.

The Dolphins (4-4) play for the first time since Incognito was suspended when they face Tampa Bay (0-8) on Monday night.

Incognito is white and Martin is biracial. Teammates both black and white have said Incognito is not a racist, and they've been more supportive of the veteran guard than they have of Martin.

Incognito acknowledged leaving a voicemail for Martin in April in which he used a racist term, threatened to kill his teammate and threatened to slap Martin's mother.

"When I see those words come up across the screen, I'm embarrassed," said Incognito, adding that Martin used the same racist term "a lot."

"I'm embarrassed by my actions. But what I want people to know is the way Jonathan and the rest of the offensive line and our teammates communicate.

sists and 10 rebounds for the Timberwolves, who hadn't beaten the Lakers since March 6, 2007. Minnesota took a 28-point lead during the highest-scoring quarter in franchise history and maintained a healthy advantage all night in their first win over the Lakers at Staples Center since Dec. 2, 2005.

Steve Blake scored 19 points with five 3-pointers, and Jodie Meeks added 16 for the Lakers, who have lost five of seven.

Suns 101, Pelicans 94

In Phoenix, Eric Bledsoe scored 24 points and Markieff Morris came off the bench to score 23 as the Phoenix Suns beat the New Orleans Pelicans.

Morris shot 9 of 12, and has gone 30 for 38 from the field over his past three games while averaging 24.7 points in that span.

Gerald Green scored 15 and Goran Dragic added 12 for the Suns, who have won four of five.

Suns coach Jeff Hornacek became the first coach in franchise history to win his first four home games.

Jason Smith scored 22 points while Jrue Holiday and Anthony Morrow each had 16 for the Pelicans.

Spurs 120, Knicks 89

In New York, Danny Green had 24 points and a career-high 10 rebounds as the San Antonio Spurs pounded the New York Knicks for their fourth straight victory.

Kawhi Leonard scored 18 points and Tony Parker had 17 in a game that was close for about 3 minutes. San Antonio scored the first 10 points, led by as many as 37, and was in complete control in between.

Tim Duncan took just four shots but finished with 11 points and 10 rebounds as San Antonio shot 54 percent.

The Spurs spoiled the season debut of Knicks guard J.R. Smith, last season's Sixth Man of the Year. Suspended the first five games of the season for violating the NBA's anti-drug program, Smith shot 1 of 9 and scored five points in 20 minutes.

Carmelo Anthony and Andrea Bargnani both scored 16 for the Knicks.

Incognito says Martin sent him threatening text



MIAMI (AP)—Suspended Miami Dolphins guard Richie Incognito says teammate Jonathan Martin sent him a threatening text message as an apparent joke only a week before their relationship became the subject of a harassment case that has prompted an NFL investigation.

In an interview with Fox Sports televised Sunday, Incognito said he never took the threat seriously. Incognito said he regrets the racist and profane language he used with Martin, but said it stemmed from a culture of locker-room "brotherhood," not bullying.

"A week before this went down, Jonathan Martin texted me on my phone - 'I will murder your whole ... family,'" Incognito said, quoting Martin as using a profanity. "Now did I think Jonathan Martin was going to murder my family? Not one bit. ... I knew it was coming from a brother. I knew it was coming from a friend. I knew it was coming from a teammate.

That just puts in context how we communicate with one another."

Responding to the interview, Martin's attorney tweeted the message Incognito quoted. The message was accompanied by two photos of a laughing woman holding a dog, suggesting it was intended as a joke.

"JMart's text 2 Richie Incognito. U decide...." attorney David Cornwell tweeted. That was the only response by Cornwell or Martin's agent to requests from The Associated Press for comment on Incognito's interview.

Incognito said Martin also sent him a friendly text four days after leaving the team to undergo counseling for emotional issues. The message came on the heels of the Dolphins' overtime victory against Cincinnati.

"Wassup man? The world's gone crazy lol. I'm good tho congrats on the win," Martin said in a text verified by Fox Sports. "Yeah I'm good man. It's insane bro but just know I don't blame you guys at all. It's just the culture

around football and the locker room got to me a little."

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It's vulgar. It's not right. ... I understand why a lot of eyebrows get raised when people don't know how Jon and I communicate to one another."

Incognito said he never sensed that football or the locker-room culture were getting to Martin.

"As his best friend on the team, that's what has me miffed—how I missed this," Incognito said. "I never saw it coming."

Long labeled one of the NFL's dirtiest players, Incognito acknowledged his reputation for out-of-bounds behavior—and the impact the much-quoted, threatening voicemail has had on his image.

"It sounds terrible. It sounds like I'm a racist pig. It sounds like I'm a meat-head. It sounds a lot of things that it's not. ... If you go just by all the knuckle-head stuff I've done in the past, you're sitting in your home and thinking, 'This guy is a loose cannon. This guy is a terrible person. This guy is a racist.' That couldn't be farther from the truth."

Incognito said if he met with Martin and his family, he would apologize for anything they took as malicious.

CJ Signs, Fong's Bakery take third win

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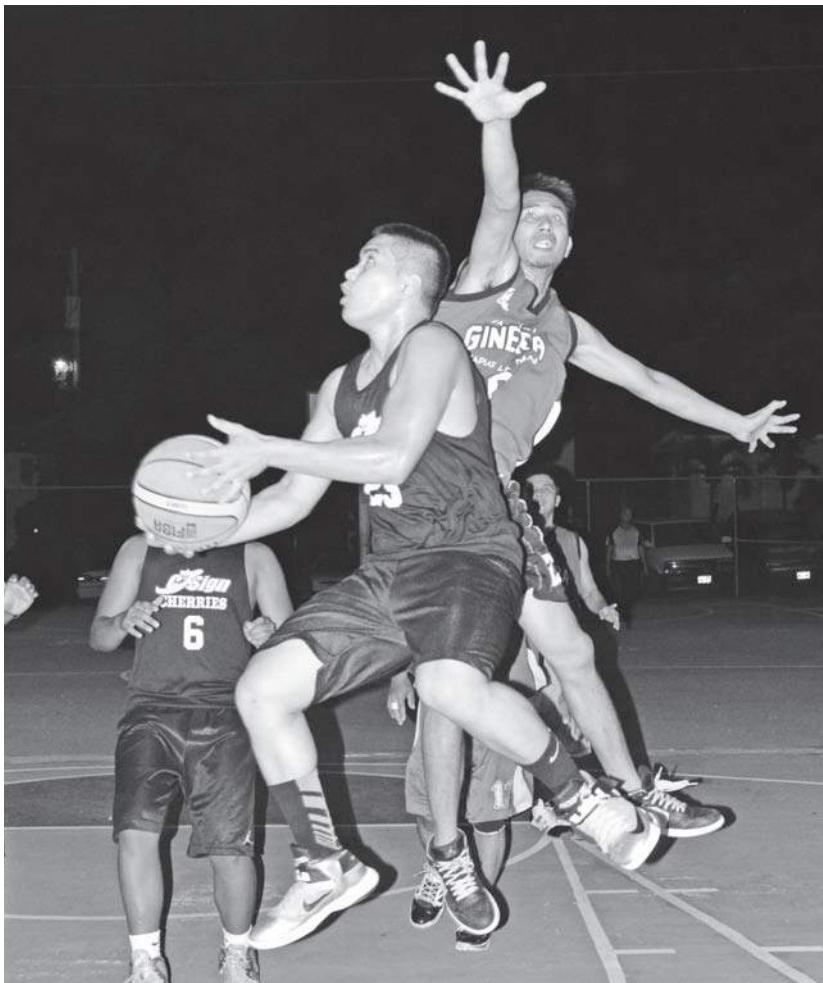
 CJ Signs and Fong's Bakery secured their third win in the 2nd DL Corp. Invitational Basketball League after downing separate opponents last Saturday night at the Gualo Rai Basketball Court.

In the Pool A match, Fong's Bakery defeated Fliptop, 63-54, to improve to a 3-1 record and grab a share of the division lead with Chinatown. Fliptop absorbed its second straight loss in three games and is in a tie for fifth to seventh place with Adobo and NMI Contractor.

In Pool B, CJ Signs (3-1) moved up to second place behind the unbeaten Island Floral (3-0) after recording a 64-55 win over Maplas in the final game of the night.

CJ Signs built a good lead in the second quarter and forced Maplas no earn its points from the free throw line in the fourth canto to take the 9-point win. On top by only a hair at the end of the first frame, 14-13, Ralph Francisco, Pat Tinio, and Prince Factor connived in the second-quarter assault, scoring 6 points each. CJ Signs poured 22 markers in that period against only 10 and three field goals from Maplas, giving the former a 36-23 advantage.

The lead was stretched to 19 at the end of the third, as CJ Signs capped the quarter with back-to-back triples. Maplas (1-4) never recovered from thereon despite limiting CJ Signs to 10 markers



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CJ Signs' Ralph Francisco drives eludes the defense of Maplas' Edmark Mendoza during the second quarter of their game in the DL Corp. caging last Saturday night at the Gualo Rai Basketball Court.

in the final frame, as the former bled for points in the payoff canto, scoring half

of its 20 points from the foul line.
In the first game, Fong's held Fliptop

group to make it to the finish line under two hours after recording 1:45:47. Saipan's Fred Camacho timed in at 2:03:01 to place second, followed by Paul Kang (2:11:31) and Joshua Berger (2:19:43).

Joshua's better half, Mamiko also broke the two-hour barrier and had the fastest time in the female division

after posting 1:35:58. She was about 10 minutes ahead of runner-up Lorrie Hutchison, while Claire Kelleher-Smith rounded out the Top 3 overall finishers in the women's division after tallying 2:02:12.

Ten other female runners completed the 21.0975-kilometer race. The list includes Agnes Khang (2:11:22),

to 6 points and three field goals in the fourth period to cruise to the 9-point win.

Before the fourth quarter collapse, Fliptop led Fong's Bakery by 3, 48-45. The meltdown happened when June Hernandez, Dan Toribio, and Mike Babauta nailed only one field goal apiece for Fliptop. Donnel Isip, who made the team's last 5 points in the third canto, was scoreless in the fourth, along with Won Joo Jung and Ronnel Gamboa, who combined for 17 after the first three quarters.

Fong's Edwin Camacho nearly outgunned the entire Fliptop crew in the fourth, as he knocked in 5 markers, including a game-clinching triple. Four other Fong's players lit up the scoreboard in the payoff period.

First Game

Fong's Bakery 63 – Bahillo 13, Camacho 12, Santos 8, David 7, Gunter 7, Barrios 4, Samson 2, Bautista 2.

Fliptop 54 – Isip 15, Gamboa 9, Jung 8, Hernandez 7, Babauta 5, Toribio 4, Hockett 2.

Scoring by quarters: 16-16, 27-26, 45-48, 63-54.

Second Game

CJ Signs 64 – Francisco 14, Salas 14, Dela Cruz 8, Maranan 8, Tinio 8, Factor 6, Litulmar 4.

Maplas 55 – Tenorio 14, Cortez 13, Devero 11, Mendoza 5, M. Usi 3, Lauron 2.

Scoring by quarters: 14-13, 36-23, 54-35, 64-55.

SBL organization meeting today

 The Saipan Baseball League, Inc. will be holding an organizational meeting today, Nov. 12, at 5:30pm at the Gilbert C. Ada Gymnasium's conference room.

Agenda will include the 2014 season opening date, the increase in entry fee, team rosters, insurance, waivers, utility fees, usage fees, ground rules, and other related matters.

Managers and coaches of all prospective teams are invited to attend this meeting. For more information, contact league coordinator Tony I. Rogolfoi at 664-2508 or 285-3966. (PR)

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NBA STANDINGS

EASTERN CONFERENCE

	W	L	Pct	GB
Philadelphia	4	3	.571	—
Toronto	3	4	.429	1
Boston	3	4	.429	1
New York	2	4	.333	1½
Brooklyn	2	4	.333	1½

Southeast Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Miami	4	3	.571	—
Atlanta	3	3	.500	½
Charlotte	3	3	.500	½
Orlando	3	4	.429	1
Washington	2	4	.333	1½

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Indiana	7	0	1.000	—
Cleveland	3	4	.429	4
Milwaukee	2	3	.400	4
Detroit	2	3	.400	4
Chicago	2	3	.400	4

WESTERN CONFERENCE

	W	L	Pct	GB
San Antonio	6	1	.857	—
Houston	4	3	.571	2
Dallas	4	3	.571	2
Memphis	3	3	.500	2½
New Orleans	3	4	.429	3

Northwest Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Oklahoma City	5	1	.833	—
Minnesota	5	2	.714	½
Portland	4	2	.667	1
Denver	1	4	.200	3½
Utah	0	7	.000	5½

NFL STANDINGS

AMERICAN CONFERENCE

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
New England	7	2	0	.778	234	175
N.Y. Jets	5	4	0	.556	169	231
Miami	4	4	0	.500	174	187
Buffalo	3	7	0	.300	199	259

South

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Indianapolis	6	3	0	.667	222	193
Tennessee	4	5	0	.444	200	196
Houston	2	7	0	.222	170	248
Jacksonville	1	8	0	.111	115	291

North

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Cincinnati	6	4	0	.600	234	186
Cleveland	4	5	0	.444	172	197
Baltimore	4	5	0	.444	188	189
Pittsburgh	3	6	0	.333	179	218

West

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Kansas City	9	0	0	1.000	215	111
Denver	8	1	0	.889	371	238
San Diego	4	5	0	.444	212	202
Oakland	3	6	0	.333	166	223

NATIONAL CONFERENCE

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA</
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2013 Joeten Memorial Golf Classic

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Guam's Tom Terlaje, center, poses with his longest drive prizes and 2013 Joeten Memorial Golf Classic tournament chair Somia Quan, right, and member Matt Deets during the awards ceremony last Saturday at the Laolao Bay Golf Resort.



Closest to the pin winner (hole No. 6) Jack Tenorio, center.



Rep. Chris Leon Guerrero, center, is all smiles after getting his closest to the pin prizes.



Tiberius Mocanu, center, shows his second place plaque in the C Flight.



Former Superior Court president Judge Edward Manibusan, center, poses with his third place plaque in the Seniors Flight.



A Flight third place Ricardo Terlaje Jr. shows his plaque.



Junior golfer Sean Lee, center, shows his Championship Flight runner-up plaque.



Ladies Flight champion Yuri Kim poses with her first place trophy.



Anthony Benavente Jr. receives his B Flight plaque and prize.

This golf hole cake is on display during the awards ceremony.



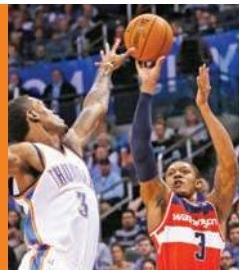
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Mamiko shares podium with Olympian



Saipan's Mamiko Oshima-Berger, left, and Guam's Derek Mandell head to the finish line of last Sunday's PIC Road Race.



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Saipan's Mamiko Oshima-Berger and Guam Olympian Derek Mandell took the top honors in last Sunday's Pacific Islands Club Road Race.

Mandell, who represented Guam in the 2008 and 2012 Olympic Games, was the overall first finisher in the half marathon, completing the race from the southern parking lot of PIC to the Garapan Fire Station and back via Beach Road in 1:21:05. He made it to the finish line more than a minute ahead of fellow Guam runner John Aquino IV, who clocked in at 1:22:28. Colim Scibetta rounded out the Top after logging 1:26:42.



Aquino went on to top the 15 to 19 age group, beating Saipan's Donivan Mendiola, who posted 1:48:30. Scibetta ruled the 30 to 39 age group, defeating six other runners. Saipan's Peter Prestley timed in at 1:33:15 to finish second, while Guam's Jay Antonio completed the Top 3 after submitting 1:36:55. Other finishers in the 30 to 39 category were Nomer Arcangel (2:28:47), Reynaldo Rueda (2:04:20), Brad Russala (2:20:21), and Charlie Sendin (1:39:23).

In other divisions, Saipan's Manny Aaron and Chang Whan Jang prevailed in the 40 to 49 and 60 to 69 age groups, respectively, while Guam's Paul Cruz

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Top seeds live up to expectations

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The top-ranked junior players in the Tan Holdings Tennis Classic 2013 delivered at the conclusion of Week 1 of the annual tournament yesterday.

Boys U18 singles No. 1 seed Amami Sakano finished on top of the field after defeating Dylan Ackerman, 6-3, 6-4, in yesterday's title game at the Fiesta Resort & Spa Saipan tennis courts. The finals sweep came after Sakano worked his way out of a tough three-set semis game against Moris Villanueva last Saturday. The eventual champion downed Villanueva in the opening set, 6-1, but missed the early win after the latter coasted to a 6-2 triumph in the

Headquarters moves out of AMP

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For the first time in five years, the Tan Holdings Tennis Classic is not using the American Memorial Park tennis courts as its headquarters.

From the AMP facility, the headquarters was moved to Fiesta Resort and Spa Saipan tennis courts after a staff from the organizing Tan Siu Lin Foundation was allegedly screamed

second set. Then in the deciding third set, Sakano and Villanueva breathed on each other's neck before the former escaped with a 7-6 (10-8) victory.

In the other semis pairing in the boys U18 singles, Ackerman had an easier

at by chief ranger Jason Beatty last Friday night.

"For the past four years, we had AMP as our headquarters and we did not have a problem. Now we moved to Fiesta and have to utilize the fewer courts of other hotels," said tournament director Lydia Tan, who had to inform players late morning that games in at the AMP last Saturday afternoon had been moved to Fi-

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Final Four win, as he blanked Seiya Eda, 6-0, 6-0, last Sunday at the Hyatt Regency Saipan tennis courts.

In the boys U14 singles, another top-ranked player clinched the champion-

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Amami Sakano goes for a baseline return against Dylan Ackerman during their boys U18 title game in the Tan Holdings Tennis Classic 2013 yesterday at the Fiesta Resort & Spa Saipan tennis courts.

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